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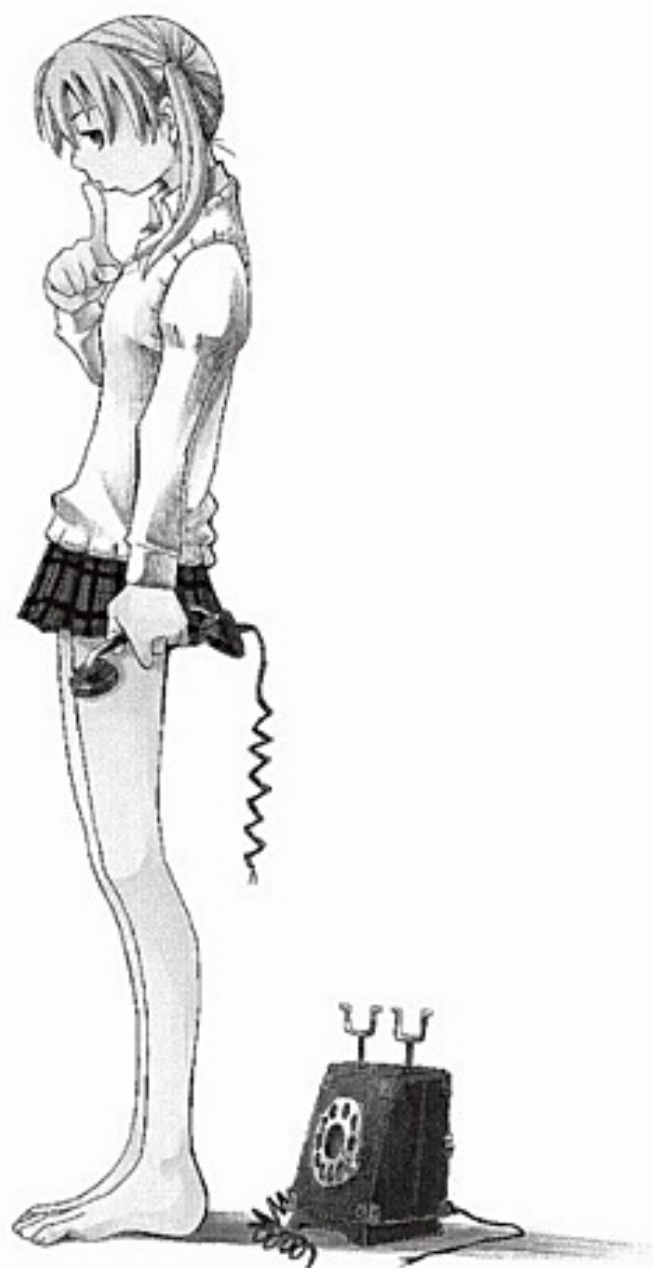
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Rip off
the pitch-
black SOUL

SOUL EATER 3



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WHERE...
AM I...?

.....

IT'S
DARK...
I CAN'T
EVEN SEE
MY HAND
IN FRONT
OF MY
FACE...

*I HURT
ALL
OVER...*



CHAPTER 6: HOLY SWORD

HELP...

WHERE
SHOULD
I GO...

WHICH
WAY IS
UP, AND
WHICH
WAY IS
DOWN...?



MEKI
CCRACKO
X ≠

MEKI
X ≠

MEKI
CCREAKO
≡ X

SOUL!!

HOLD
ON! I'M
COMING!



LIGHT
...!?

AN
EXIT!?

A
VOICE!?
MAKA!!
IT'S
MAKA'S
VOICE!!

NO...
STOP
...!



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MEDUSA-
SENSEI!!
IT'S
SOUL...

WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?



AAAHH!

SOUL!!



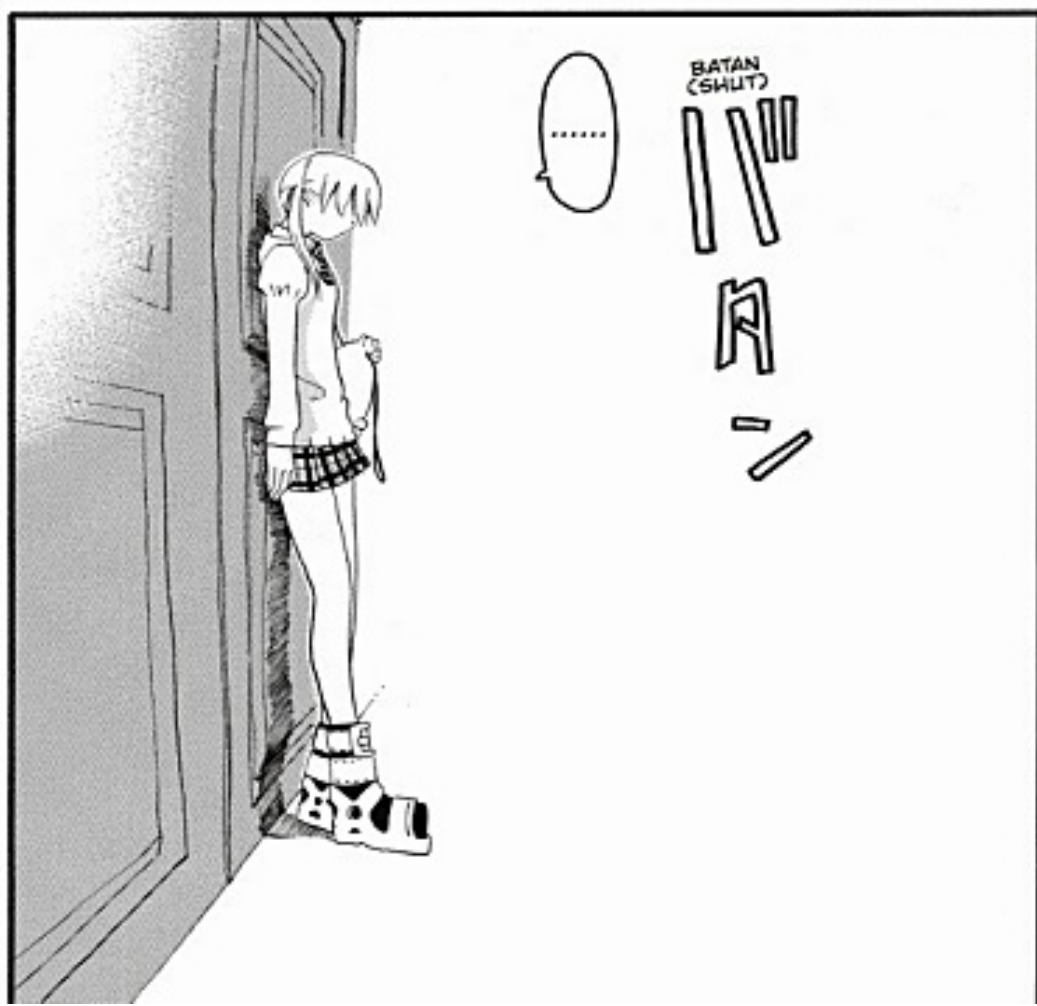
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SOME OF
RAGNAROK'S
BLACK BLOOD GOT
MIXED IN WITH
SOUL EATER'S
BLOOD. THAT
SHOULD MAKE HIM
AN INTERESTING
RESEARCH
SUBJECT...









WANT
TO GO UP
ON THE
ROOF? THE
SUNSET IS
BEAUTIFUL!



DAD
...!?



...WHAT
DO YOU
WANT ME
TO DO?

SO...



HUH!?

NO
WAY!!
THAT'S
A PAIN
IN THE
ASS!!

CLEAN!
STRAIGHTEN
UP THE
LIBRARY!!

SID
23

BLACK ☆ STAR...
YOU'RE ONE
OF THE
STRONGEST IN
THE CLASS, BUT
AT THIS RATE,
YOU'LL KEEP
GETTING ZEROS
FOREVER...
DON'T YOU
FEEL SORRY
FOR TSUBAKI?
SHE TRIES
SO HARD...

CAN'T I DO
SOMETHING
ELSE? LIKE
FIGHTING
WITH
DOCTOR
STEIN LIKE
BEFORE...

BUT I
HATE LAME
REMEDIAL
LESSONS
LIKE THIS!
CLEANING!?
UGH!! IT
DOESN'T
GET ME ANY
ATTENTION
AT ALL...
YOU DO IT
YOURSELF.

THAT'S
WHY I DO
REMEDIAL
LESSONS,
RIGHT? I'M
ALWAYS DOING
THEM, SO I
KNOW HOW
IT GOES...

YOU...DIDN'T
EVEN GET ONE
SOUL ON YOUR
MOST RECENT
ASSIGNMENT,
DID YOU!?

SHOULDER: DEATH

IF YOU'RE
THAT
WORRIED
ABOUT IT,
YOU COULD
HELP, YOU
KNOW!!

...
I'LL BE
COMING
BACK LATER
TO CHECK
YOUR WORK,
SO YOU'D
BETTER
DO A GOOD
JOB!!

WHAT
YOU NEED IS
PUNISHMENT!!
DOING
SOMETHING
YOU DON'T
WANT TO WILL
TEACH YOU
A LESSON!!

WHERE
DO I
EVEN
START
...?

TCH
...

HE'S THE
SECOND BIG
SHOT THERE
IS— AFTER
ME, OF
COURSE!!

HYA-HA-
HA-HA-HA!

☆
CHARISMA
JUSTICE
ROCKS!

TEN
MINUTES
LATER
...

I NEVER
KNEW THE
LIBRARY
HAD MANGA!!
I'M GONNA
SKIP CLASS
TOMORROW
AND COME
BACK HERE!

S
K
R
E
E
E



K
I
D
!?



!!

OH!
SOR—

HEY, YOU!
PLEASE
BE QUIET
IN THE
LIBRARY!!

THIS
ONE?



OH...

PON
(PAT)



I CAME TO
BORROW
A BOOK. I
WANTED TO
LOOK AT
A CERTAIN
SPLENDID
WORK OF
ART.

IT'S
THAT BOOK
YOU'RE
SITTING
ON. DO
YOU MIND?

HUH?



WHAT,
YOU'RE
BEING
PUNISHED
TOO?





FORGET
IT, I CAN'T
READ IT...
READ IT
FOR ME!!



WHAT
BOOK
IS IT?

YEP!
♪

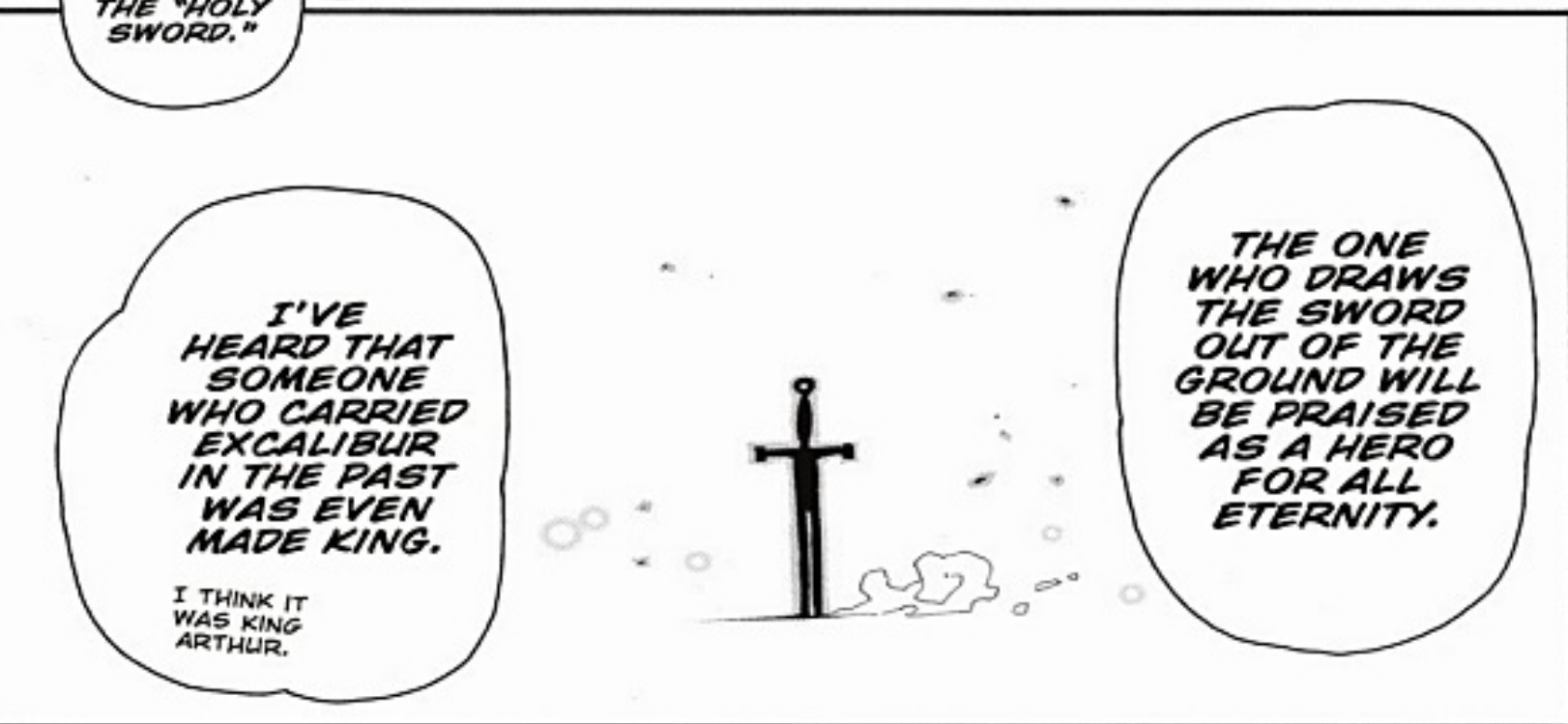
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EXCA...
EX...



WHAT'S
THAT?

IT'S A
LEGENDARY
BLADE
THEY CALL
THE "HOLY
SWORD."

"EXCAL-
IBUR."



I'VE
HEARD THAT
SOMEONE
WHO CARRIED
EXCALIBUR
IN THE PAST
WAS EVEN
MADE KING.

I THINK IT
WAS KING
ARTHUR.

THE ONE
WHO DRAWS
THE SWORD
OUT OF THE
GROUND WILL
BE PRAISED
AS A HERO
FOR ALL
ETERNITY.



AHH,
EXCAL-
IBUR,
HUH?



"Hero"!!
"King"!!
Sounds
perfect
for me!!

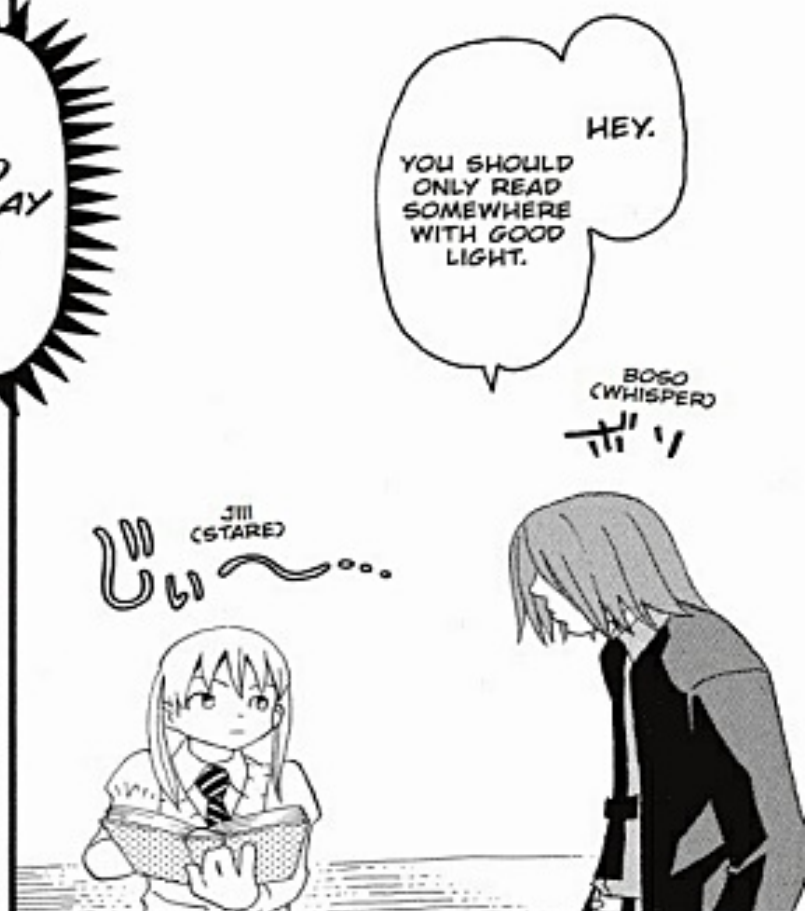
PAAAA
(GLEEBAW)

Splen-
did!

A sword
like that
must have
beautiful
symmetry.
♪







HANG IN
THERE!!
FATHERS ALL
OVER THE
COUNTRY
ARE ON
YOUR SIDE!!

CRAP!! I
HESITATED
TOO LONG!!
NOW NO
MATTER WHAT
I SAY NEXT, IT
WON'T SOUND
PERSUASIVE
AT ALL...

DON'T
RUN AWAY!!
FACE YOUR
DAUGHTER!!
DON'T RUN
AWAY!!
DON'T RUN
AWAY!!



I
COULDN'T
RUN
AWAY!

WHY?
WE
JUST
GOT
HERE.

IT'S
GOTTEN
KIND OF
COLD.
WHY
DON'T
WE GO
BACK?



...I'M
TELLING
YOU, IT'S
TRUE...!!

MAKA-CHAN...
DADDY LOVES
YOU AND MOMMY
MORE THAN
ANYTHING
ELSE IN THE
WHOLE WORLD...
IT'S TRUE...
IT'S TRUE...

SHE REALLY
PUTS ON THE
PRESSURE,
JUST LIKE
HER MOM...



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D
A
M
M
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GA
GROUP
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I'M
NOT
GONNA
LOSE!

**FAIRY
PARADISE
"ETERNAL
CAVERN"**

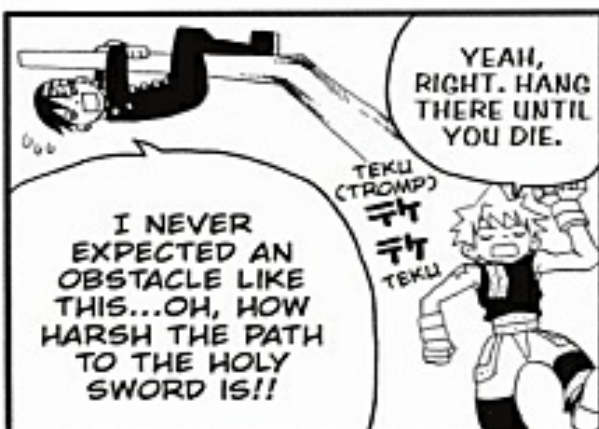
HAH
!!!

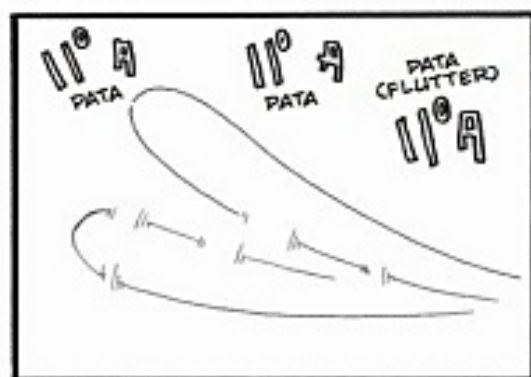
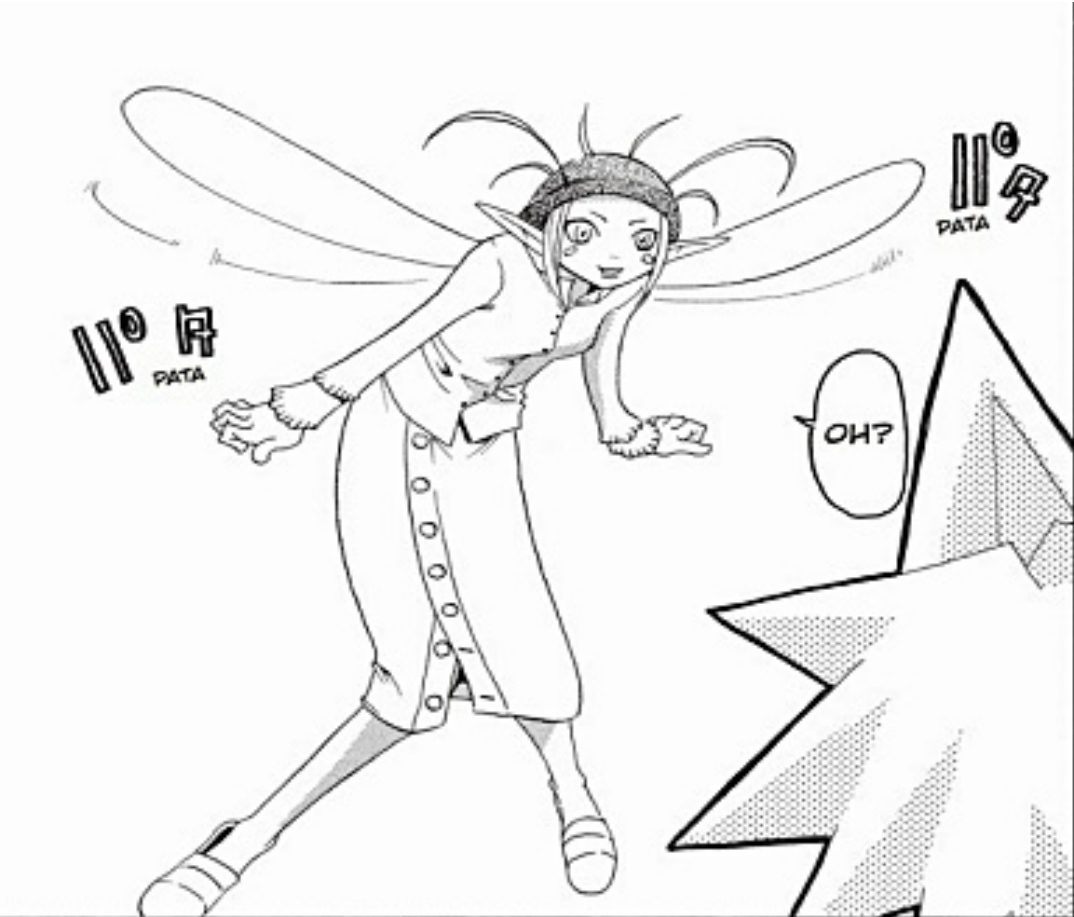
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!!

WHERE'D
THAT KID
BASTARD
GO!?

IN
HERE?

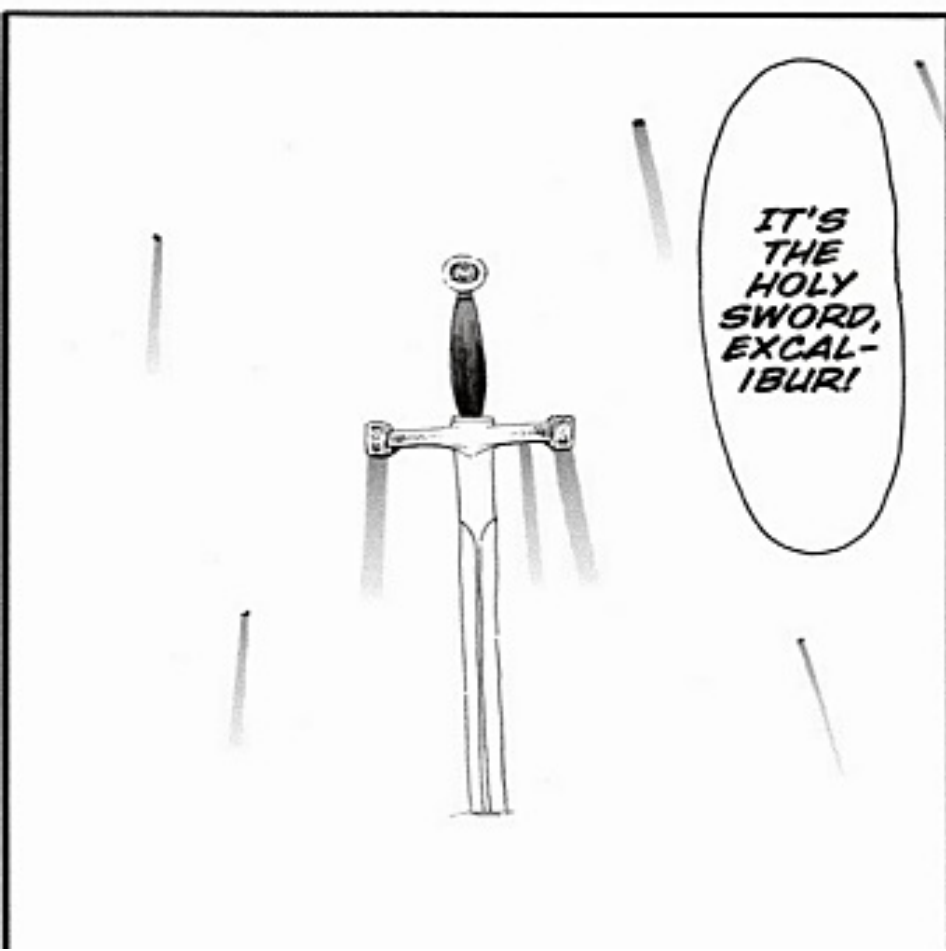
BLACK
★
STAR







LOOKS
LIKE A
DEAD
END.

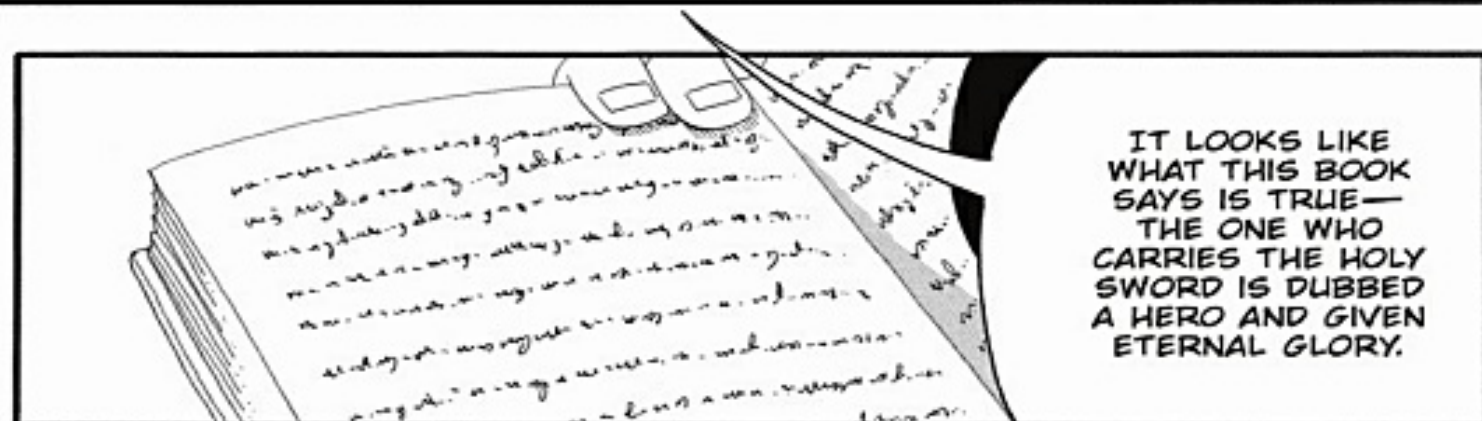
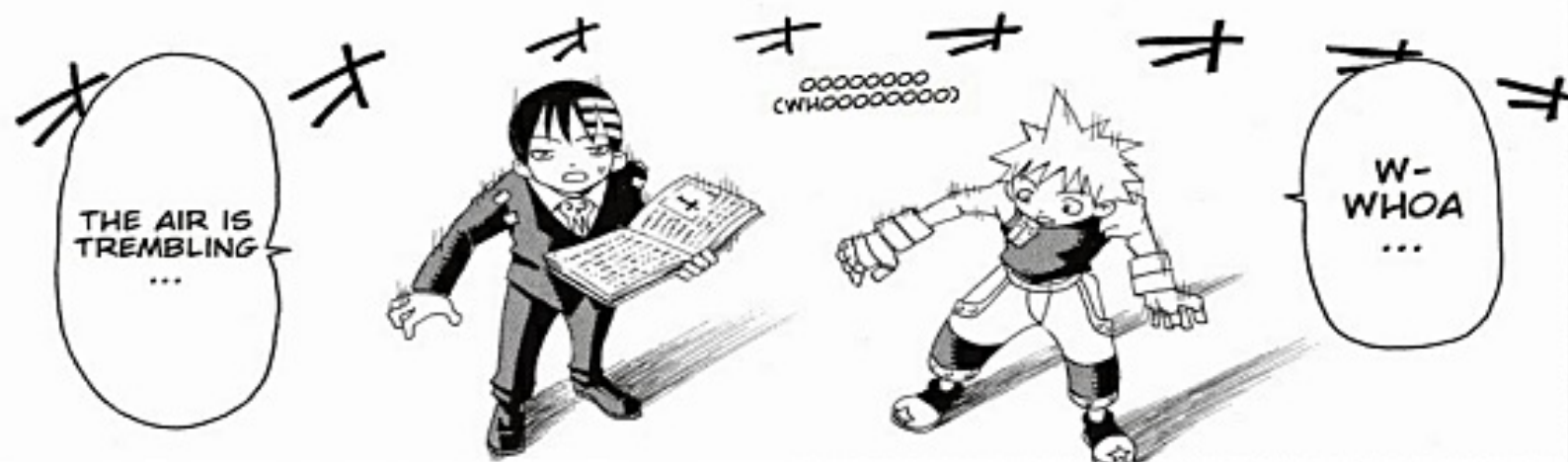


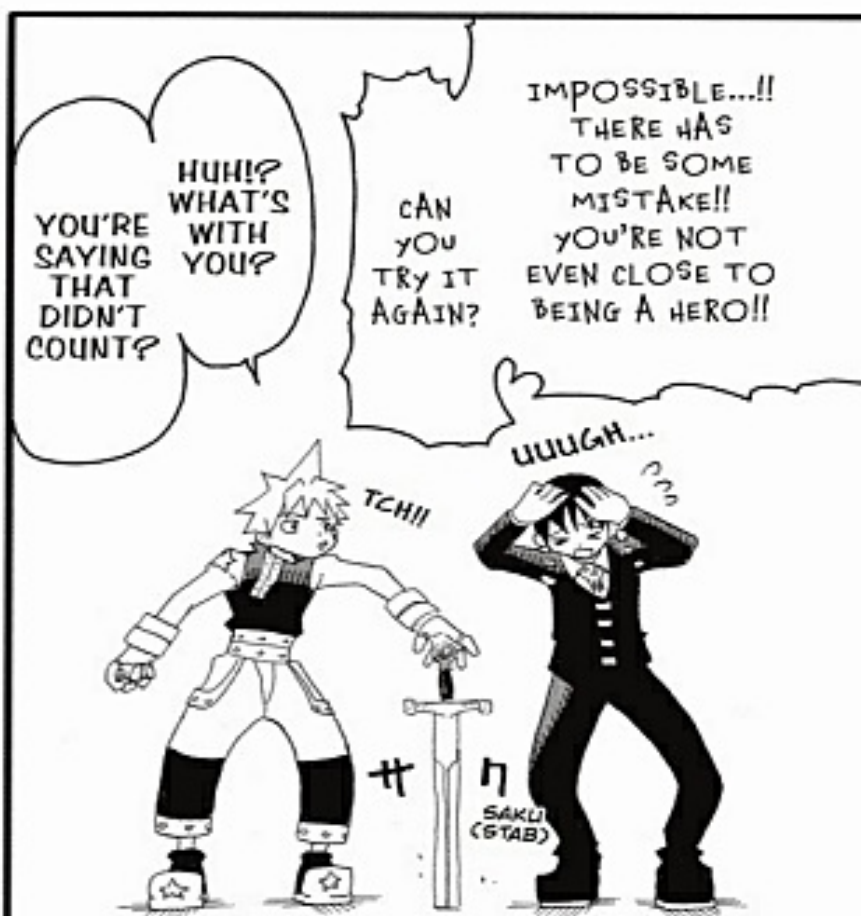
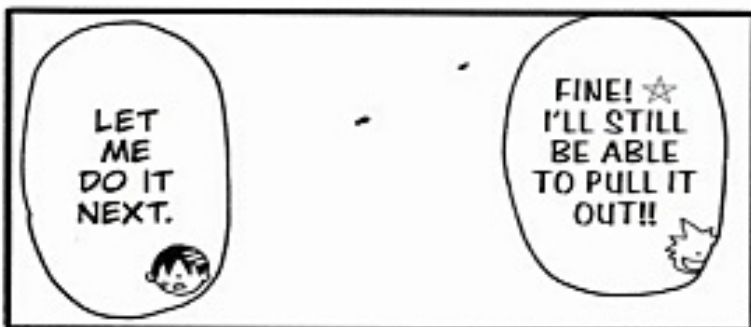
IT'S
THE
HOLY
SWORD,
EXCAL-
IBUR!



YEP
...
NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
IT.

HEY
...
IS
THAT
IT?





HUH!?

I DREW IT.

WHAT'S WITH THAT!? I MUST'VE MADE THE HOLE A LITTLE BIGGER!!

JUST HURRY UP AND TRY IT!!

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT'VE TOUCHED THIS BEFORE.

KYU (SQUEAK)
KYU
KYU

H~ DAN (STOMP)

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF... I AM EXCALIBUR!

THE HOLY SWORD IS...

HOW GOOD OF YOU TO COME, YOUNG ONES!!

?

KA (FLASH)

W-WOW ...

LAME! ♪

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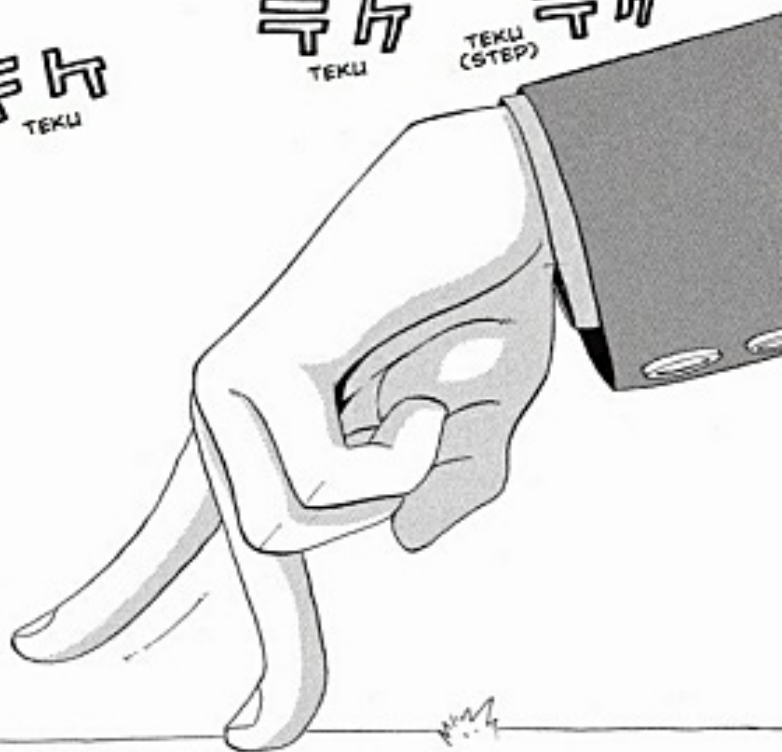
JUUUMP!!



≡ ㄥ
TEKU

≡ ㄥ
TEKU

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TEKU (STEP)



⋮

WHAT'S THIS
"RAGNAROK"
THAT'S THE
SEED OF A
KISHIN?

...WHAT'S
THE
REASON
DOCTOR
STEIN
MENTIONED
ABOUT WHY
DWMA WAS
BUILT?

HEY ...

DAD ...

SHUN
(GLOOM)

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TELL ME,
DAD!! TELL
ME ABOUT
THE THING
THAT HURT
SOUL!!

COLLECTING
SOULS IS
A BATTLE
WITH EVIL
PEOPLE...
A FIGHT
THAT IS A
CONSTANT
BRUSH WITH
DEATH.

RIGHT...
THE
ONES ON
SHINIGAMI-
SAMA'S
LIST ARE
ALL EVIL.

MAKA, DO YOU
KNOW WHICH KIND
OF SOULS MAKE
YOU STRONGER
WHEN YOU COLLECT
THEM? THE SOULS
OF EVIL PEOPLE
OR THE SOULS OF
GOOD PEOPLE?

BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T
TAKE
THOSE...

THE YEAH.
SOULS
OF GOOD
PEOPLE,
RIGHT?

THEY KEPT
ONE RULE:
"YOU MUST NOT
TAKE THE SOUL
OF ANYONE
WHO IS NOT
ON SHINIGAMI-
SAMA'S LIST."

LONG LONG
TIME
AGO ...

...EVEN BEFORE
DWMA WAS
BUILT, MEISTERS
AND WEAPONS
COLLECTED
SOULS UNDER
SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S
INSTRUCTIONS,
JUST LIKE NOW.

A
LONG,
LONG
TIME
AGO
...

THEN, DURING
A BATTLE,
ONE MEISTER WAS
SO TERRIFIED OF
DEATH THAT HE
TOOK THE SOUL OF
A GOOD PERSON.
HE THOUGHT
THAT IF HE JUST
HAD "POWER," HE
COULDN'T LOSE.

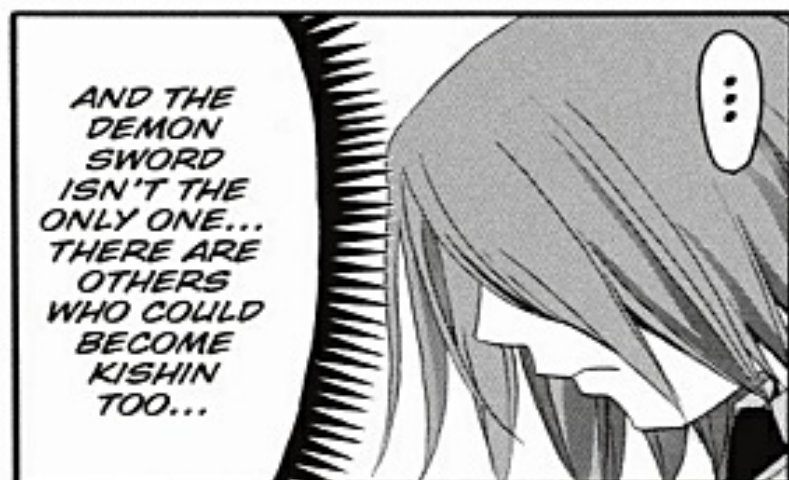


AND
THUS A
"KISHIN"
WAS
BORN.

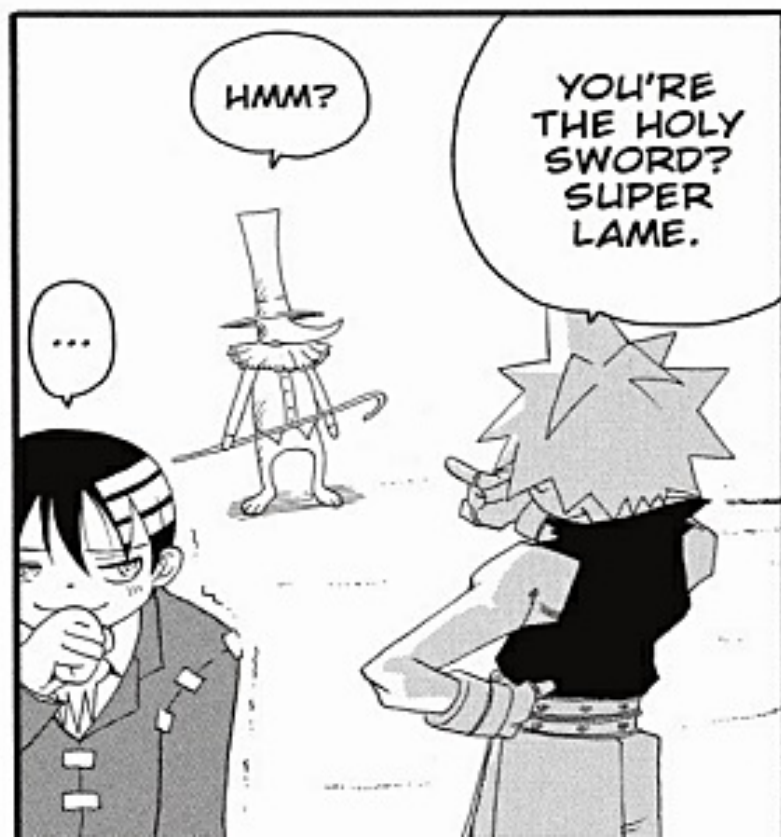
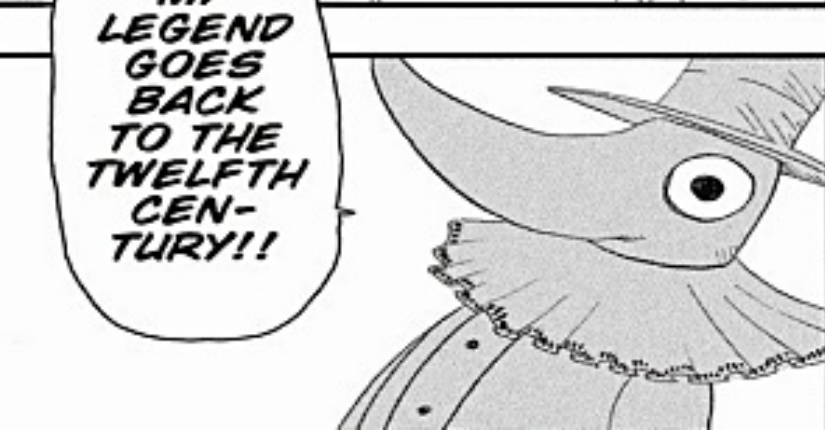
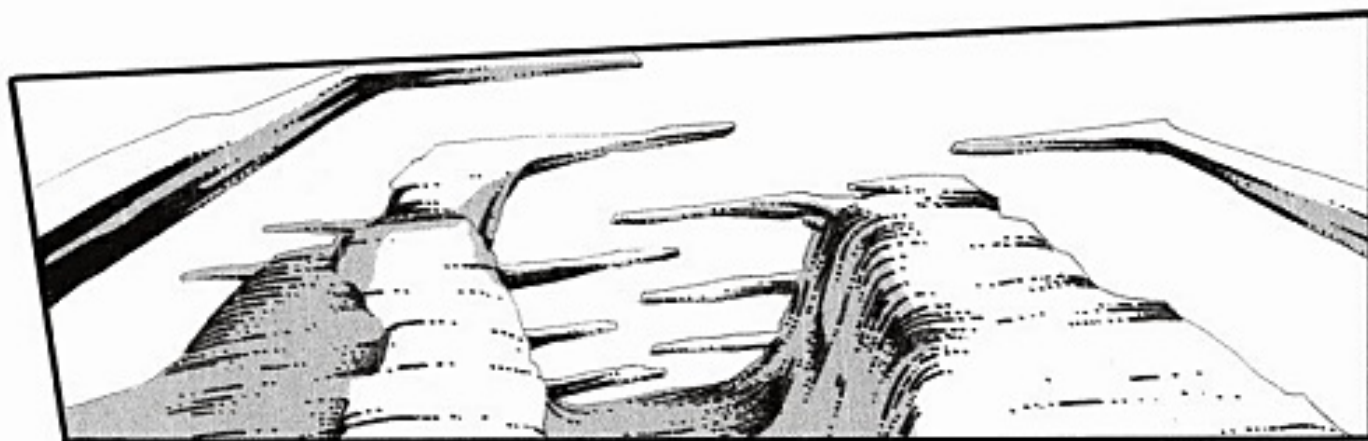
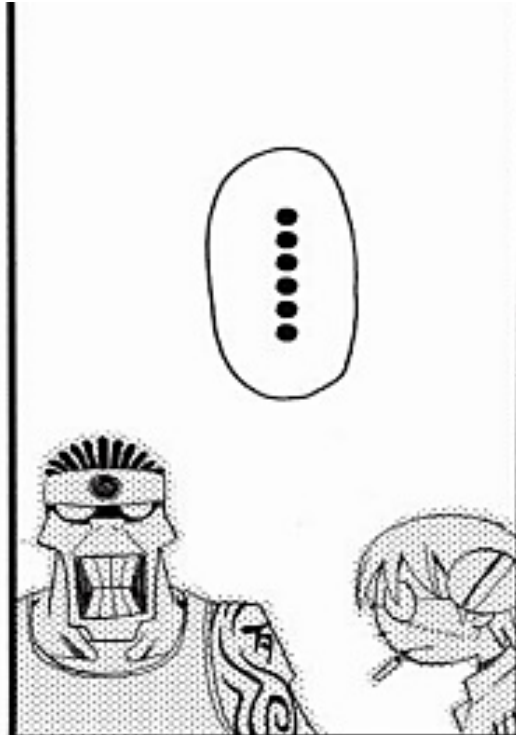


THAT
MEISTER
SECRETLY
MADE HIS
WEAPON
EAT THE
SOULS OF
PEOPLE
NOT ON
THE LIST.

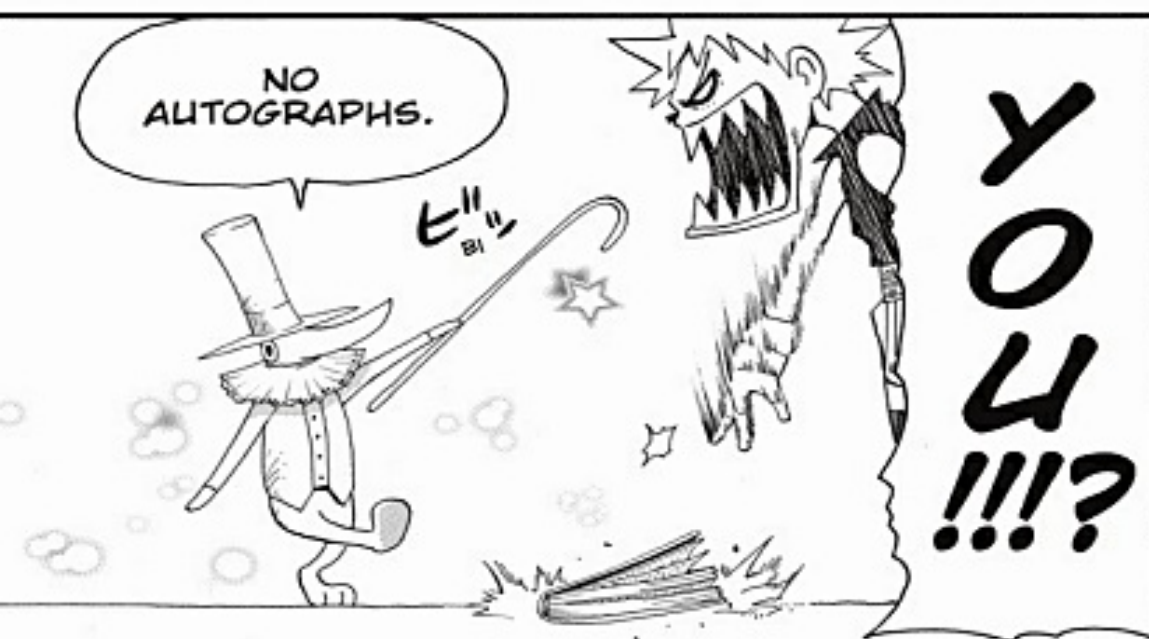


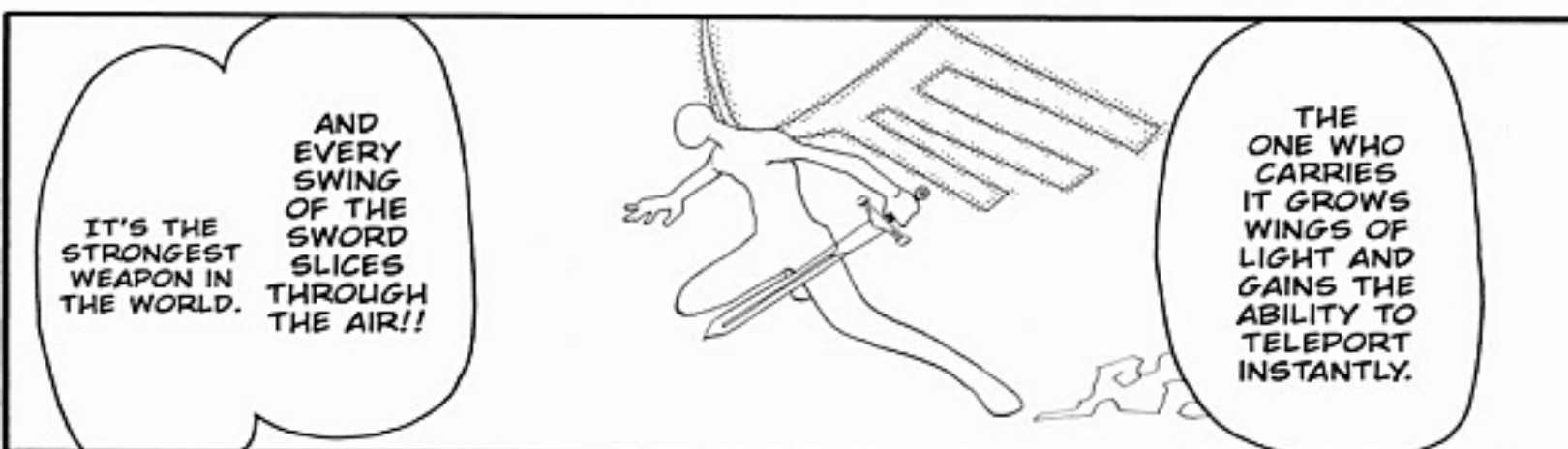


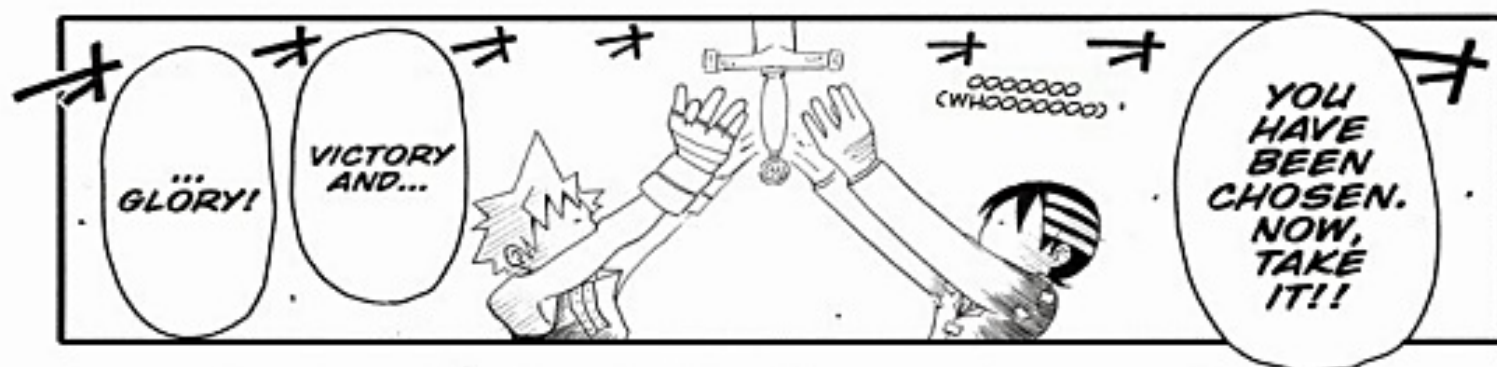












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SAKU
(STAB)

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YOU
DISGUST
ME!!



IDIOT!!
WHO
WOULD
EVER
WANT
YOU?



...NO ONE
IS THE RIGHT
MATCH FOR
EXCALIBUR
PERSONALITY-
WISE.



NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
THEIR SOUL
WAVELENGTHS
MIGHT
MATCH...

I'M DIS-
GUSTED!!

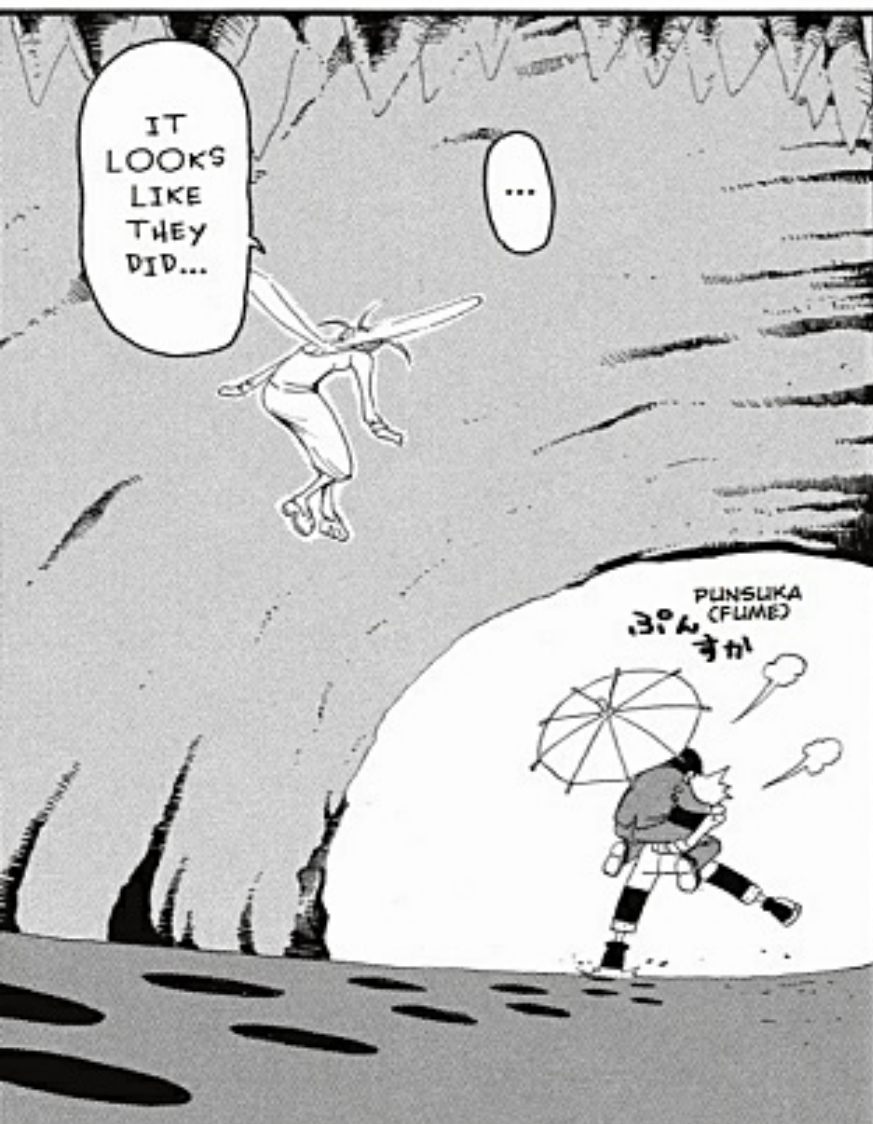
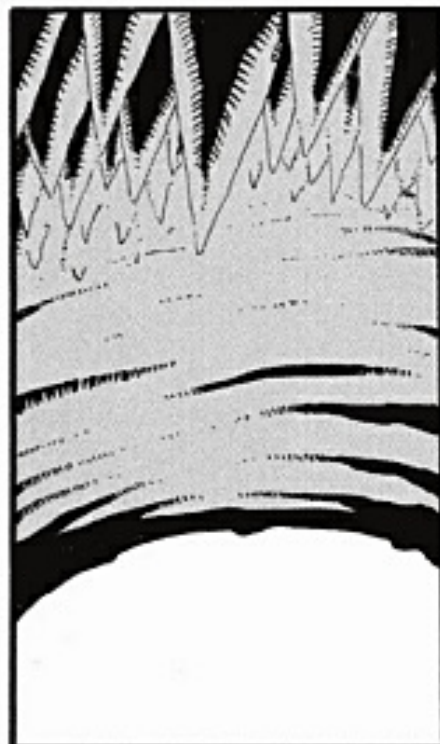


SOMEONE
WOULD
HAVE TO
BE A HERO
TO PUT UP
WITH HIM.

BUT
I STILL
WOULD LIKE
YOU TO
ATTEND MY
RECITATION.



WAIT!
HOLD ON!!
OKAY, I
KNOW!!
I'LL CUT
THE 1,000
RULES
DOWN TO
800.







**YOU
CAN'T
BE
SERIOUS
...**

I'll be always waiting for...

**I'LL BE ALWAYS
WAITING FOR YOU.
- EXCALIBUR**



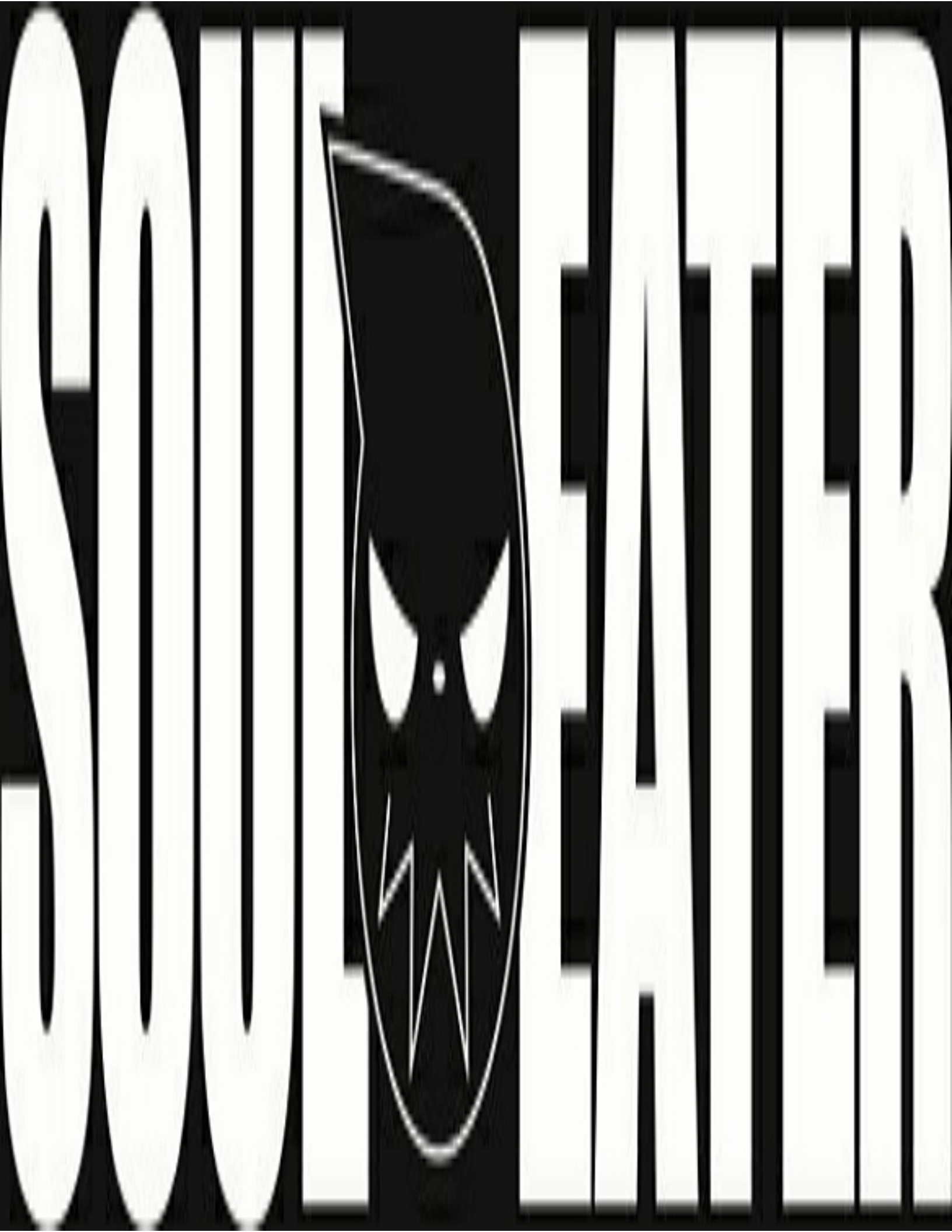
**I'M SO
DISGUSTED.**

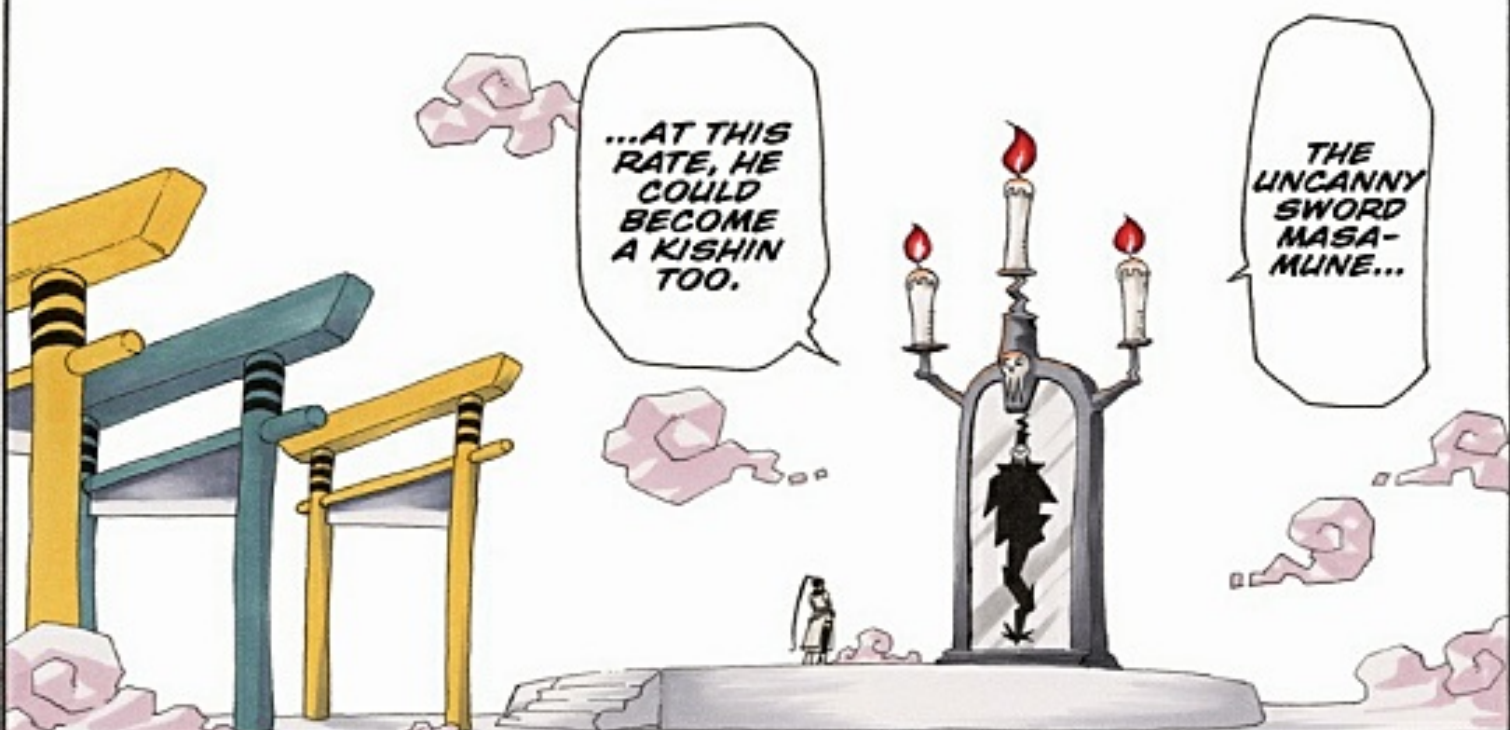
**THAT
ANNOYING
LITTLE...**

**UGH...
TACKY...**

**WHOA..
WHAT ARE
THOSE
THINGS...**







...AT THIS
RATE, HE
COULD
BECOME
A KISHIN
TOO.

THE
UNCANNY
SWORD
MASA-
MUNE...



...YES,
SIR!!

...ARE
YOU
SURE
YOU
WANT
TO DO
THIS?

IT
WILL
BE A
HARD
FIGHT...



AS THE
UNCANNY
SWORD
MASAMUNE'S
YOUNGER
SISTER, I
WILL STOP
HIM!!

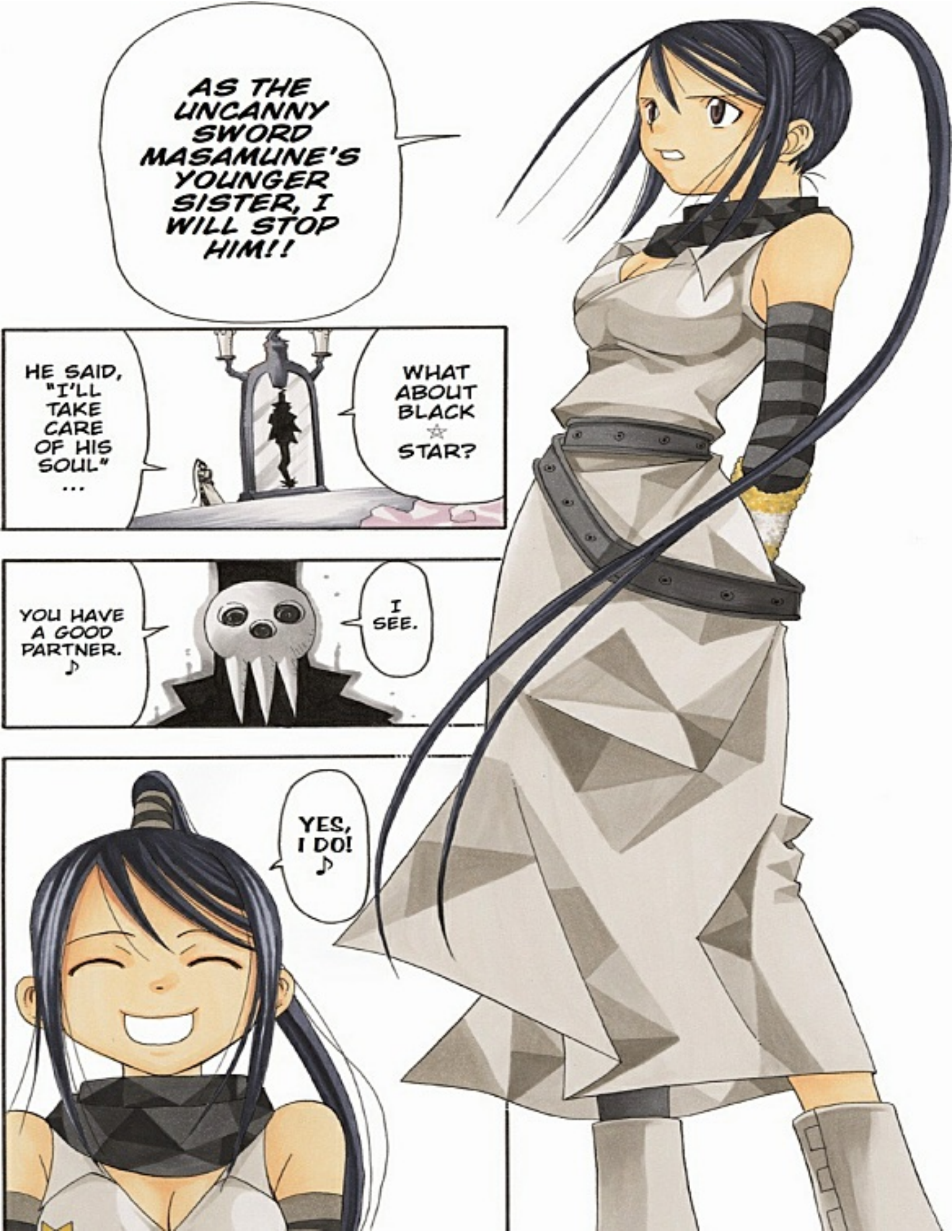
HE SAID,
"I'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF HIS
SOUL"
...

WHAT
ABOUT
BLACK
★
STAR?

YOU HAVE
A GOOD
PARTNER.
♪

I
SEE.

YES,
I DO!
♪



CHAPTER 7: UNCANNY SWORD (PART 1)



SOUL  **EATER**

...BLACK
★
STAR
AND
TSUBAKI
GO...?

SO YOU
LET...



YOU'RE
RIGHT
...

...
BUT
...

...MASAMUNE
IS MORE
THAN JUST
AN ENEMY OF
DWMA. HE
IS TSUBAKI-
CHAN'S OLDER
BROTHER.

THEY
WILL
BE UP
AGAINST
THE
UNCANNY
SWORD
...

I AM
THE ONE
WHO
SHOULD
FIGHT AN
OPPONENT
LIKE THE
UNCANNY
SWORD.

IT WILL
BE NOTHING
LIKE WHEN
THEY
FOUGHT ME
FOR THEIR
EXTRA
LESSON...

SHE'S NOT
THE KIND
OF PERSON
TO DECIDE
SOMETHING
ON IMPULSE
...

THIS IS
TSUBAKI'S
RESPON-
SIBILITY.

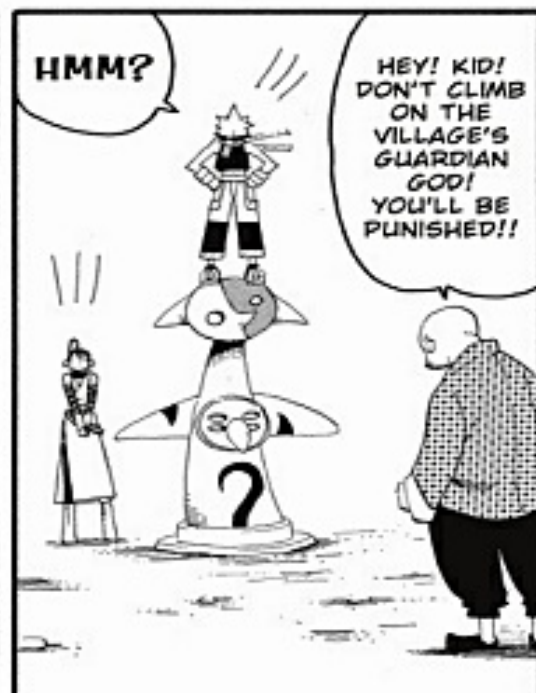
**EAST
ASIA,
NEEDLE
VILLAGE**

**...SHE
IS EVEN
PREPARED
TO RISK
HER LIFE!!**





SFX: HASSURU (HUSTLE) HASSURU





THIS
BOY IS
YOUNGER
THAN ME!
HOW COULD
HE BE MY
OLDER
BROTHER?

ARE
YOU THE
UNCANNY
SWORD!?



ARE YOU
RYOKU-
CHAN'S
FRIENDS?

OH
MY!



THAT'S
ENOUGH.

ARE
YOU
TH—
MMPH
MMPH...



!!



THAT
TATTOO
...!?



WHAT'S
GOING ON?
THE OLD
GUY HAS
VISITORS?




YOUNG
BOY
FROM
NEEDLE
VILLAGE,
RYOKU





**DID
YOU
COME
BACK
TO
KILL
US!?**



WHAT
DOES
SOMEONE
FROM THE
STAR CLAN
WANT
WITH THIS
VILLAGE!?



!?



!?

HYU
(WHIZZ)

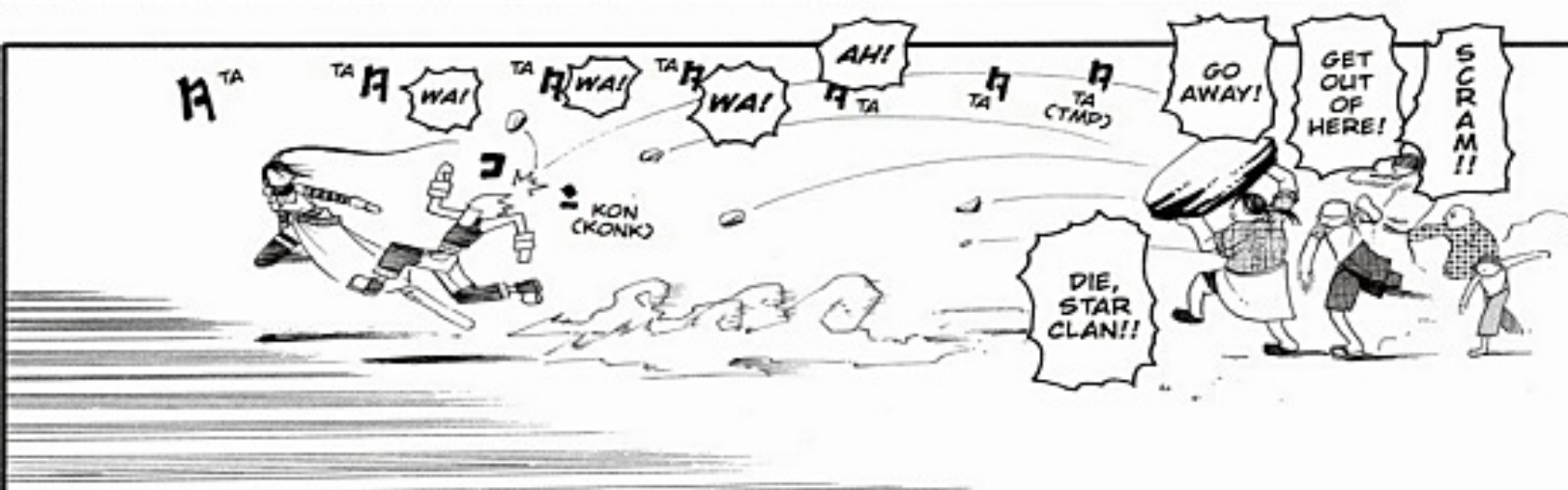


STAR
CLAN
...?



THAT
TATTOO
ON YOUR
SHOULDER!!
ARE YOU A
SURVIVOR
OF THE STAR
CLAN!?

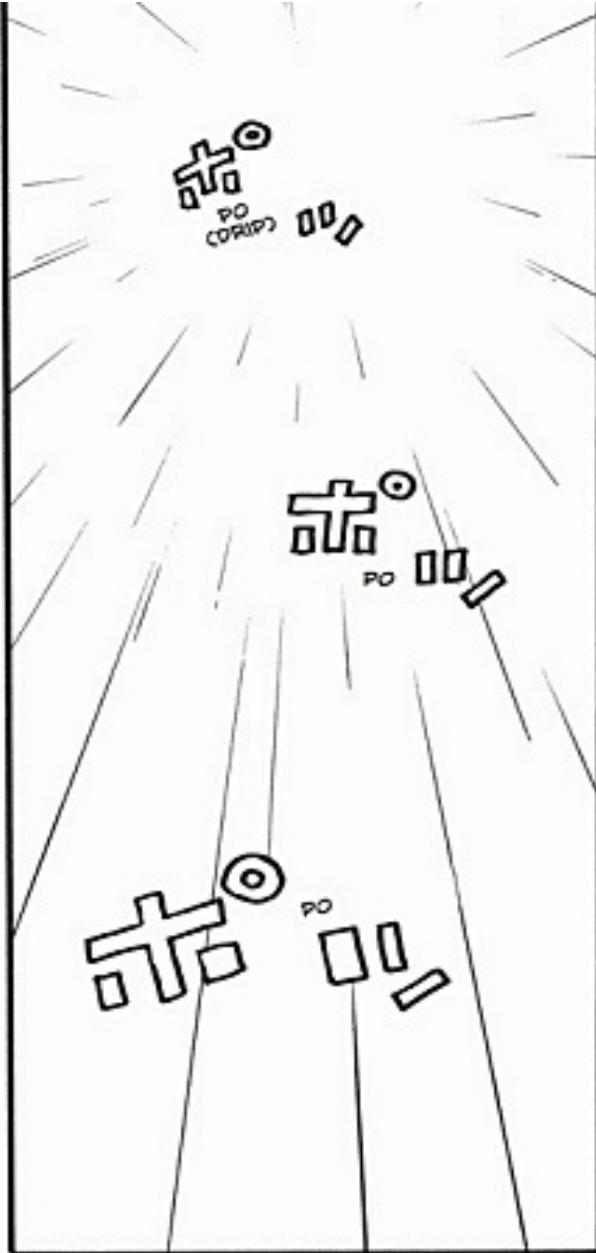






IT
STARTED
RAINING
...

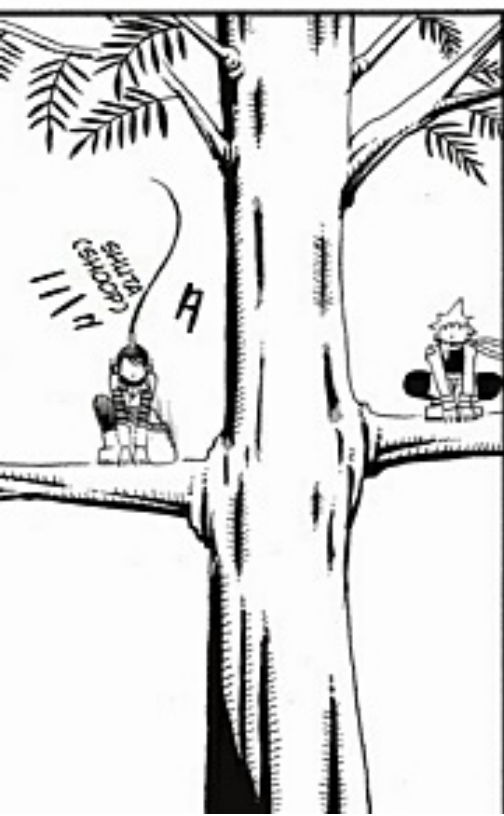
SHIT
...



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COPIP

PO

PO



SHIT
...
A



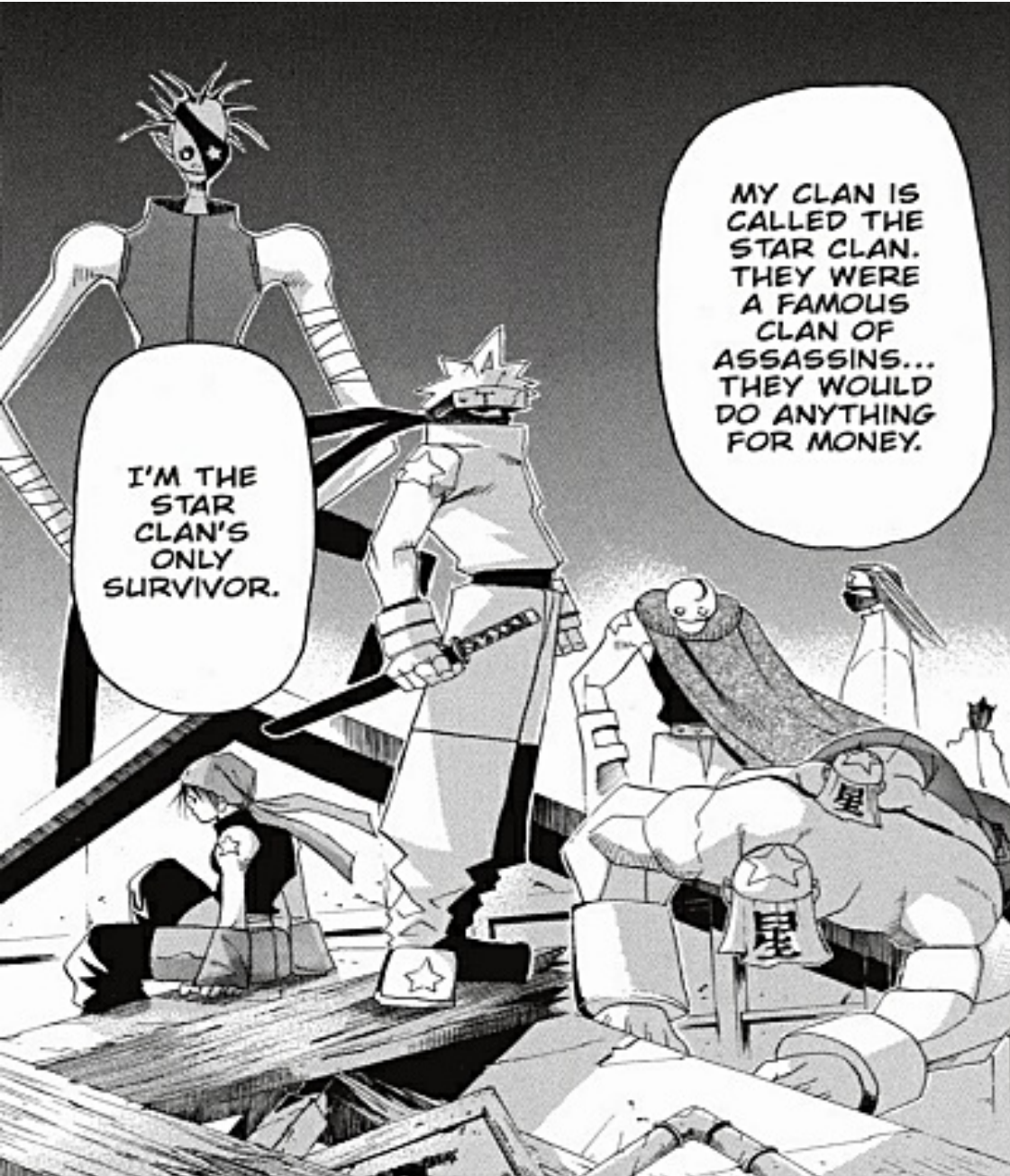
BUT...
WHEN
IT'S
RAINING
LIKE
THIS...

...SO I
HAVE TO
RELY ON
MY FIVE
SENSES TO
FIND THE
UNCANNY
SWORD.

...THAT
DOESN'T
WORK SO
WELL...

I CAN'T
SENSE
A "SOUL
RESPONSE"
LIKE
MAKA...





I'M THE
STAR
CLAN'S
ONLY
SURVIVOR.

MY CLAN IS
CALLED THE
STAR CLAN.
THEY WERE
A FAMOUS
CLAN OF
ASSASSINS...
THEY WOULD
DO ANYTHING
FOR MONEY.



SOME GUY I
DON'T EVEN
KNOW SEES
THE STAR
TATTOO ON MY
SHOULDER,
AND ALL OF
A SUDDEN HE
GRABS ME...

YOU'VE
SEEN
THIS
KIND OF
THING
HAPPEN
BEFORE,
RIGHT?



YES.

MASKS: STAR



...WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
CLAN...?



SO A LOT
OF FOLKS
OUT THERE
HAVE A
GRUDGE
AGAINST
THE STAR
CLAN.

THEY
FOUGHT
A LOT OF
PEOPLE...
PROBABLY
INCLUDING
PEOPLE
FROM THAT
VILLAGE.



.....
!!



I WAS
JUST A
BABY,
SO DWMA
TOOK
ME IN...
THERE!!
THE END!!



THIRTEEN
YEARS
AGO...THEY
WERE ALL
SLAUGHTERED
BY DWMA.



BUT
BECAUSE
OF WHAT
HAPPENED,
PEOPLE HATE
YOU EVEN
THOUGH YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO
DO WITH IT...
I JUST...
DON'T LIKE
IT...



PFFT!



IT
HAPPENED
WAY BACK
WHEN I
WASN'T
NEARLY
AS BIG A
STAR AS I
AM NOW.

NOT
REALLY.

DO YOU
HOLD A
GRUDGE
AGAINST
DWMA
FOR WHAT
THEY DID?

WHO
CARES!
MY MOM
AND DAD
WERE BAD
GUYS...SO
THEY WERE
KILLED...
THAT'S
ALL...





IN THE
END, IT
ABSORBS
THE
PERSON'S
ENTIRE
SOUL, AND
BECOMES...

THE UNCANNY
SWORD
EXPLOITS
THE FEAR
IN PEOPLE'S
HEARTS TO
POSSESS THE
BODY AND
SOUL OF THE
PERSON WHO
CARRIES IT...



...AND
THERE-
FORE
MUST
EAT!!

(NO
MENTION
OF
SEASON)

...
THERE-
FORE I
MUST
BE
ALIVE...

I AM
ABLE
TO
THINK
...

...A
KISHIN!

NO.

IT'S
DRENCHED
BY THE
RAIN...

BERON
(DROOP)

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ZAAAAA
(WHOOOOOSH)

GOOD!

WELL
DONE!



WHAT DID THAT
STAR CLAN GUY
COME HERE
FOR ANYWAY...
TO ATTACK
THE VILLAGE
AGAIN...?

I MIGHT'VE
TALKED BIG,
BUT THERE'S
NO WAY
I COULD
FIGHT HIM
WITH JUST
A SICKLE...



HEY!!
WHO
ARE
YOU!?



!?

!!
ZA
(GLIDE)



WHERE DID THAT COME FROM...? ANYWAY, NO, I'M NOT. NOT REALLY...



I THINK ...

...YOU SEEM TROUBLED BY SOME GREAT FEAR.



IF YOU JUST LET ME GIVE YOU THE POWER, YOU COULD OVERCOME YOUR FEARS...

HOW ABOUT THIS?

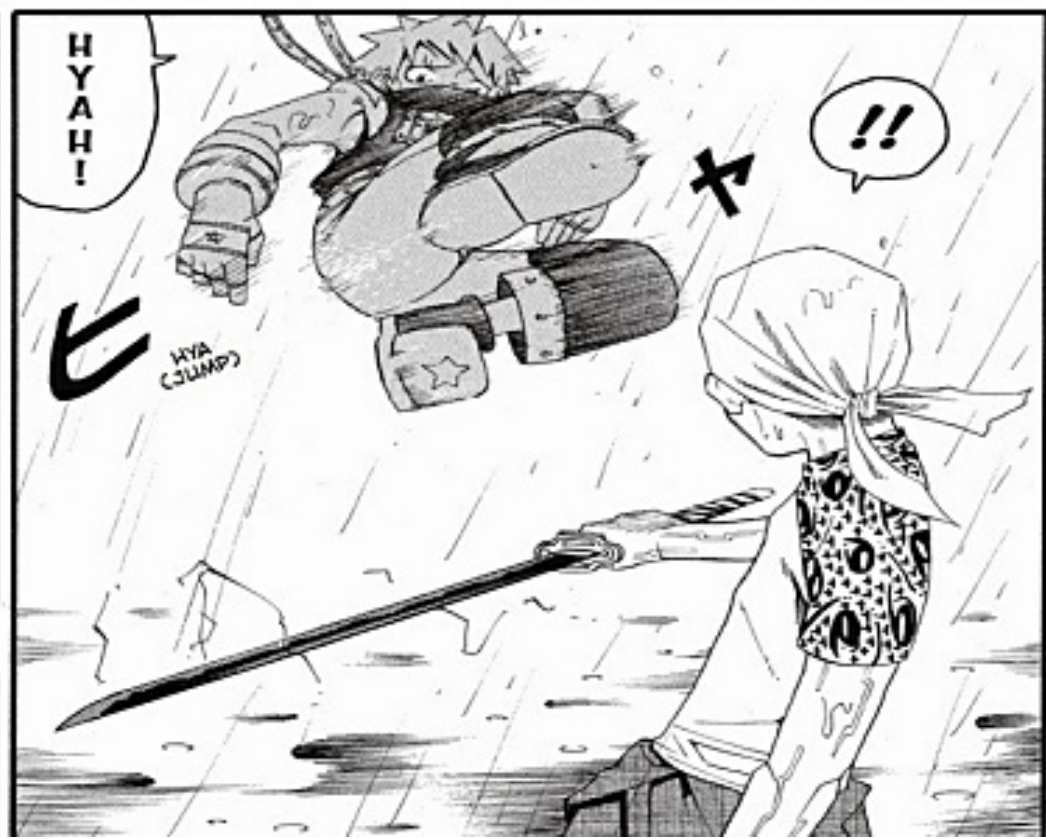
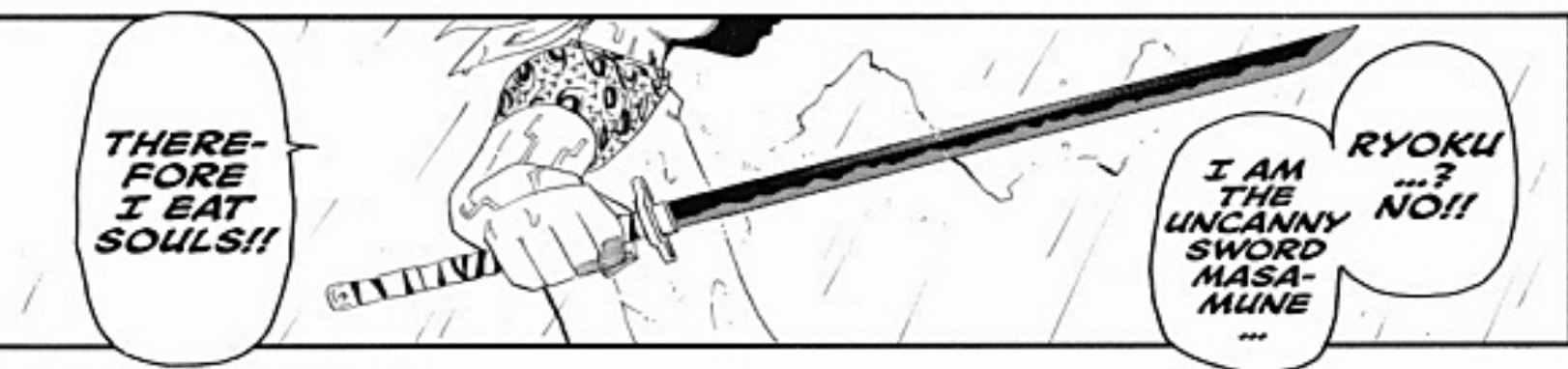


...DO YOU WANT IT?

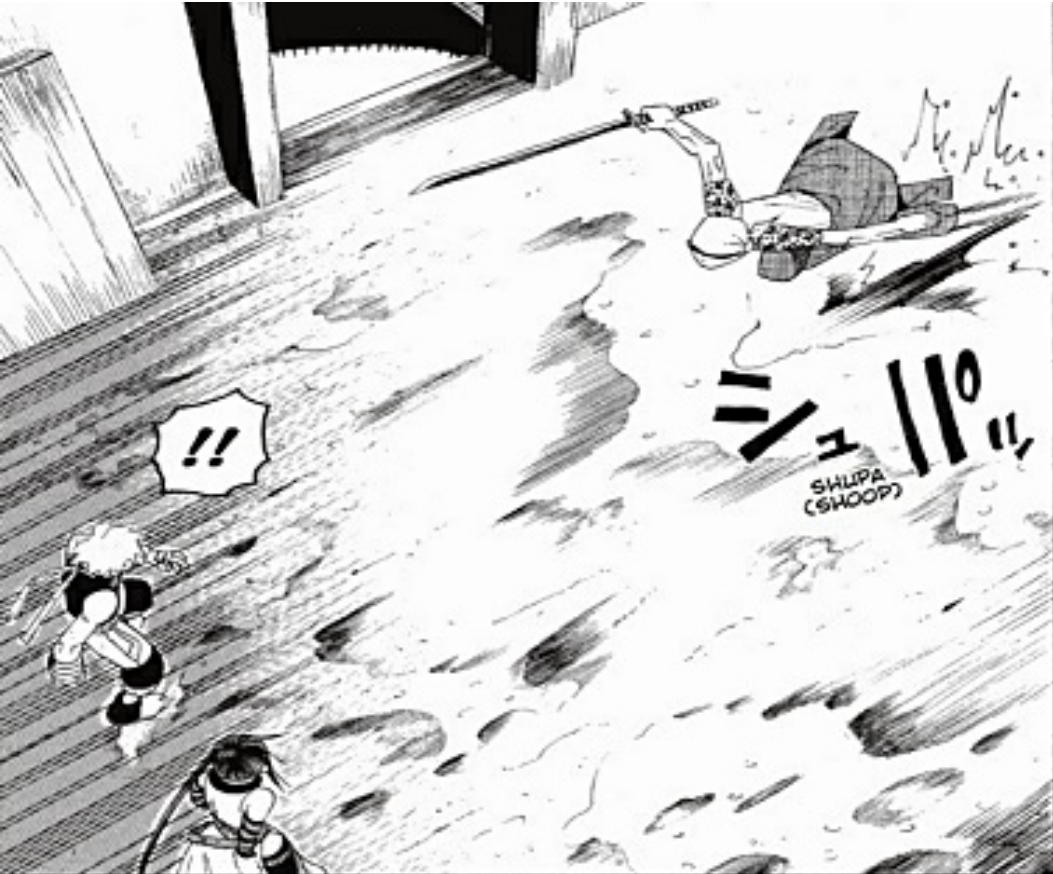


I'LL GIVE YOU THE OPTION TO CHOOSE...









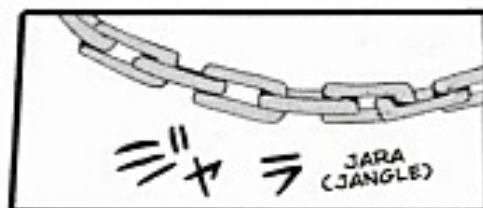
SO
THAT'S THE
UNCANNY
SWORD...
IT USED
TO BE SO
BEAUTIFUL...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HOW DRAB
IT IS NOW...



LOOK
WHO'S
HERE...



WELL,
WELL
...



JARA
(JANGLE)

WELL
...



TSUBAKI!!
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



ZAN
(LEAP)

EVEN THE UNCANNY
SWORD SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
CONTROL TWO SOUL
WAVELENGTHS!!
IF YOU POUR YOUR
WAVELENGTH INTO
THAT BOY AND MAKE
HIS WAVELENGTH
REPEL AND DETACH...

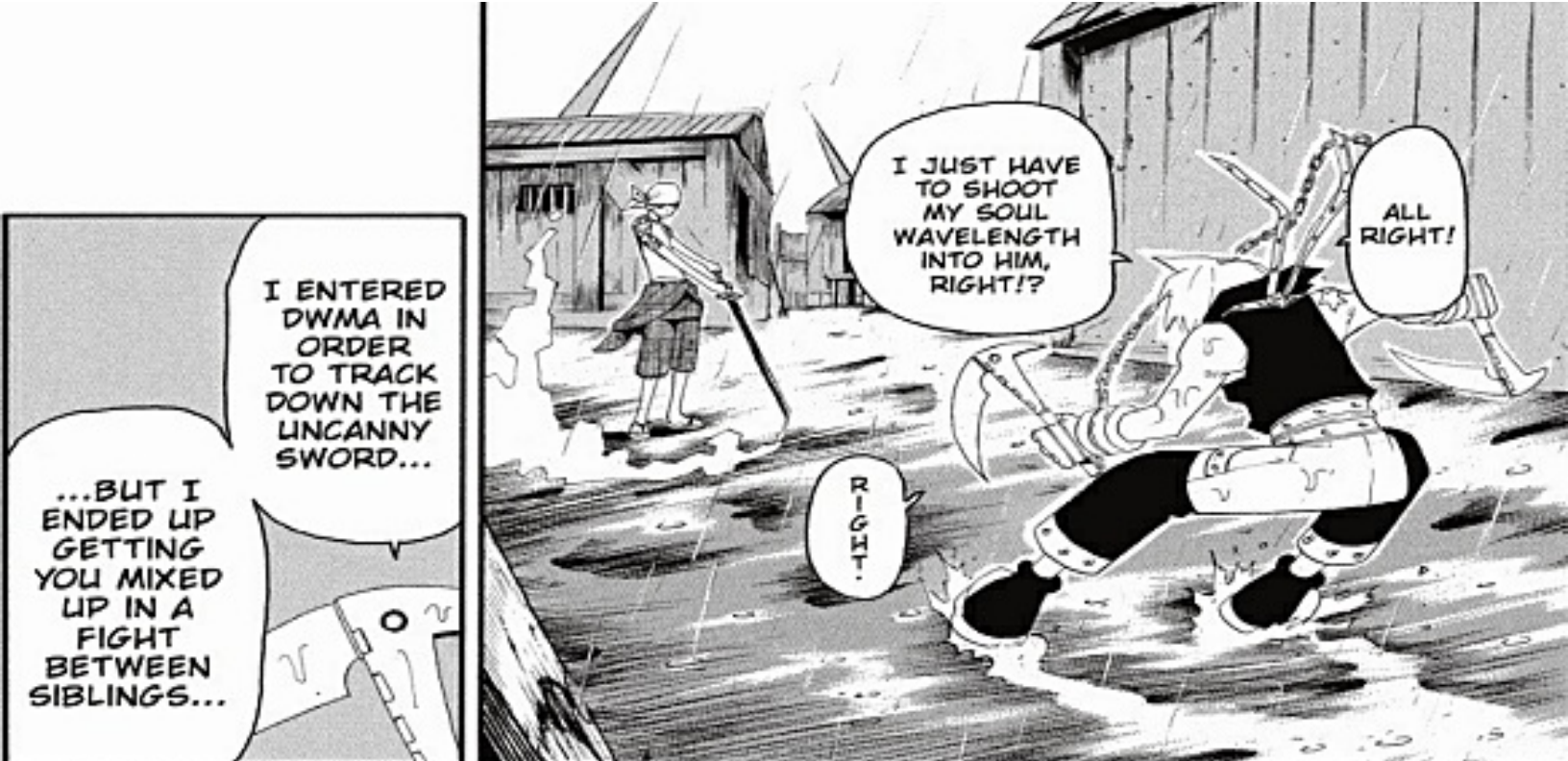
...I'LL
HANDLE
THE
REST!!

カチン
KACHIN
(CLATCH)



RYOKU
(YOUNG
BOY)

MASAMUNE
(UNCANNY
SWORD)





BA
(WHAP)

YAH!!



GAN
(GLANK)

H
A
H!!



PO
TA
(CRIP)



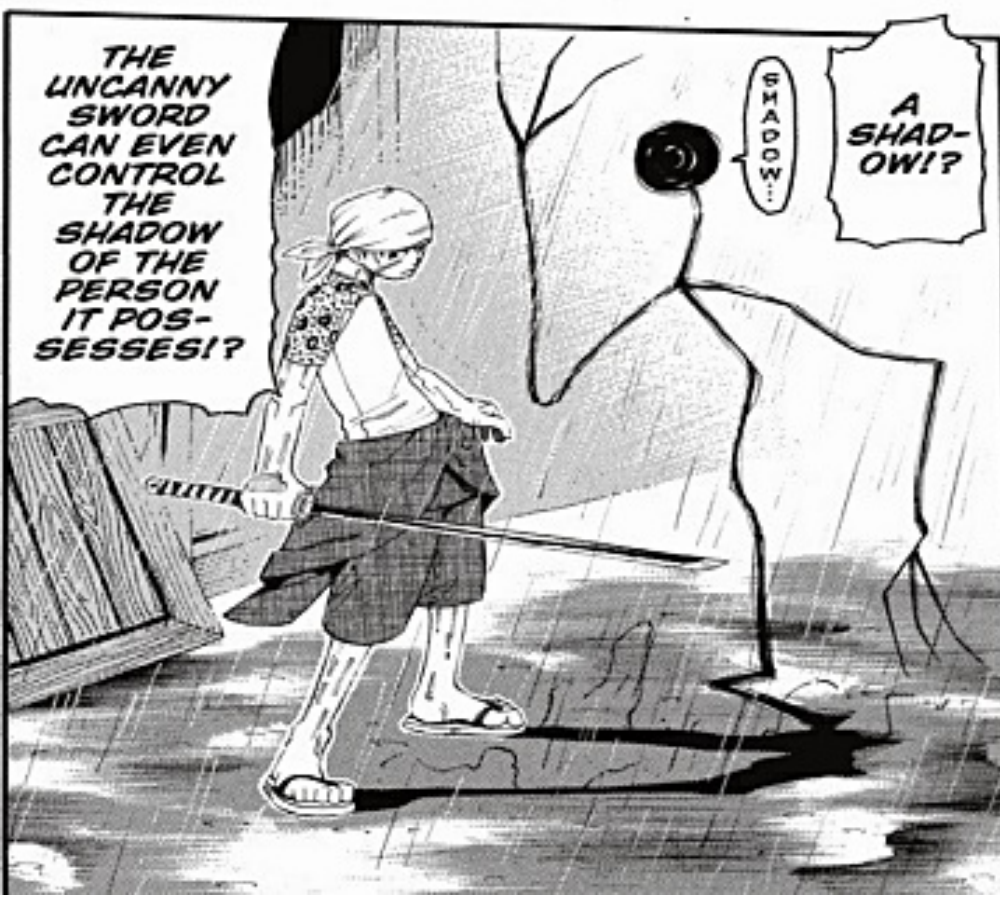
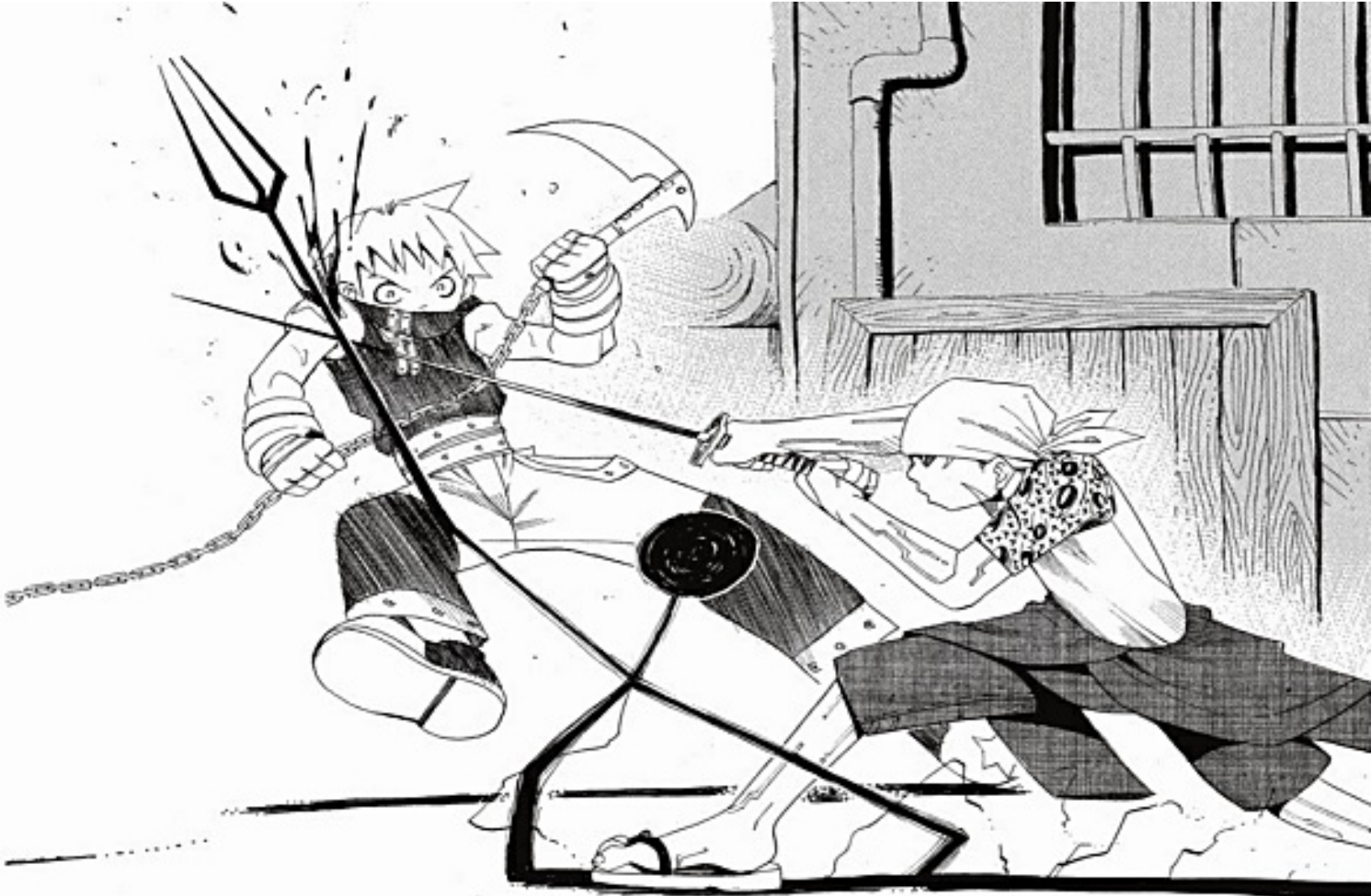
PUPPET
SHADOW
!!

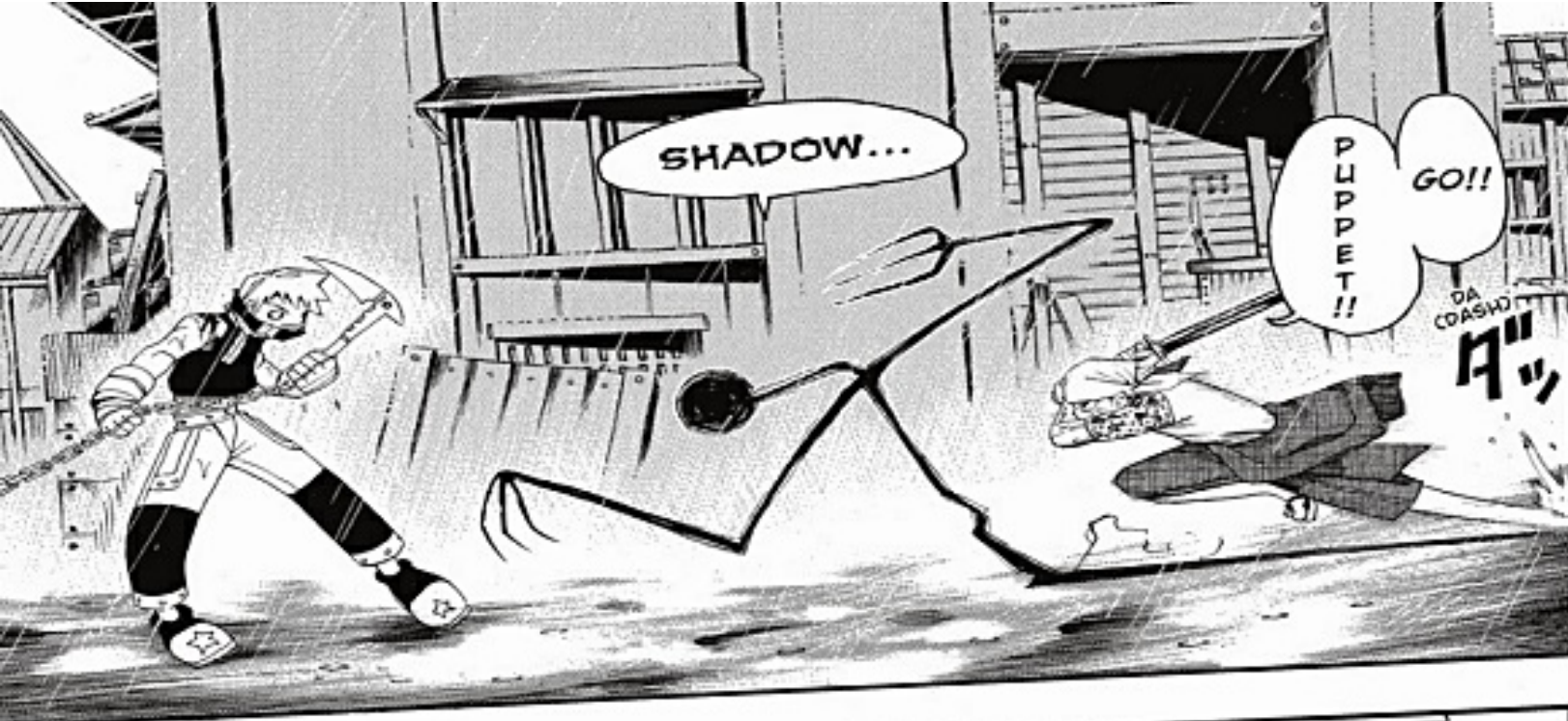


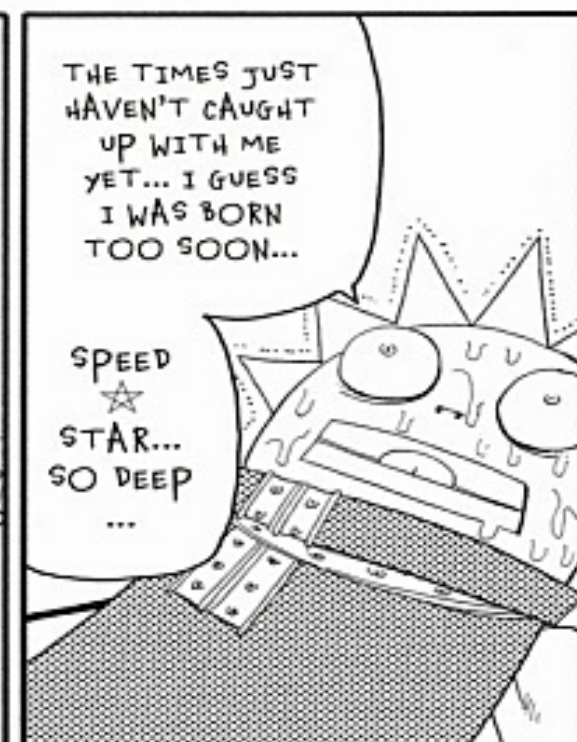
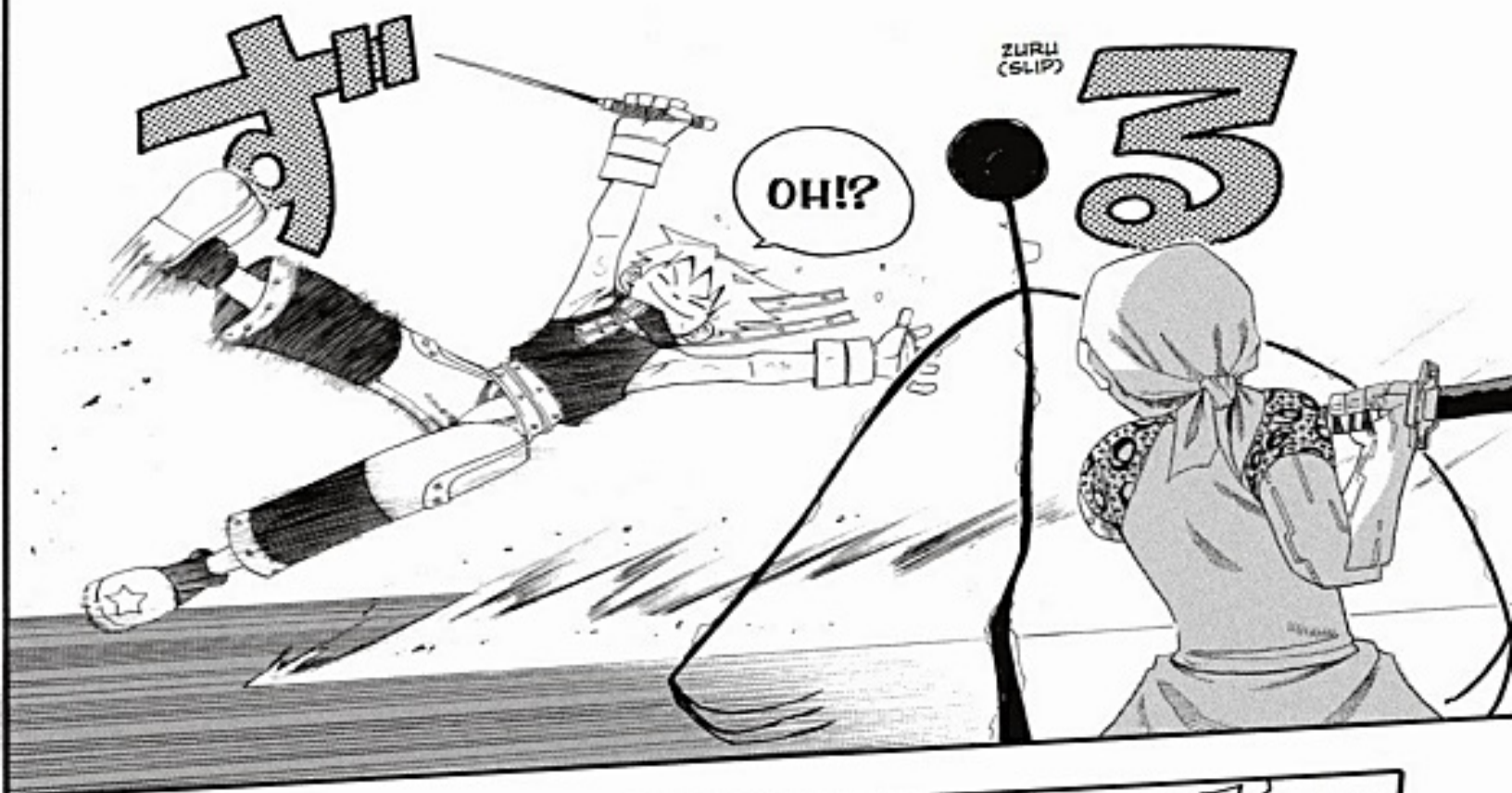
DO
(WHAP)

!?

WHA
...!?







WITH THE FOOTING THIS BAD, I CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH THE SHADOW'S ATTACKS...

I CAN'T MAKE AN OPENING TO SHOOT MY WAVE-LENGTH...



BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ...

SHA—



DIE.



BE CAREFUL!
HE'S
GOING TO
THRUST!

THAT
STANCE ...



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W
A
W
A
W
A
!

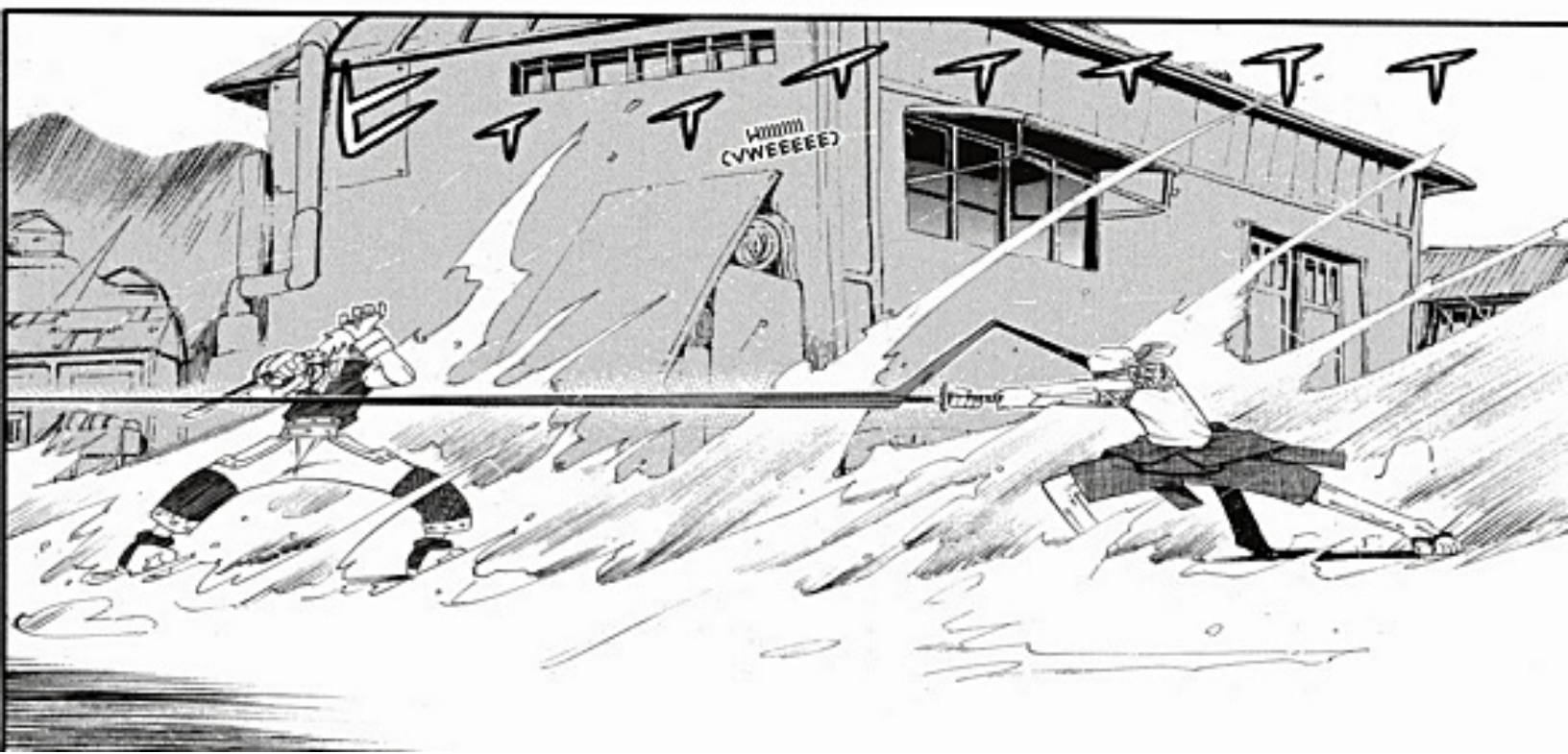
ZUPA
(SWOOSH)

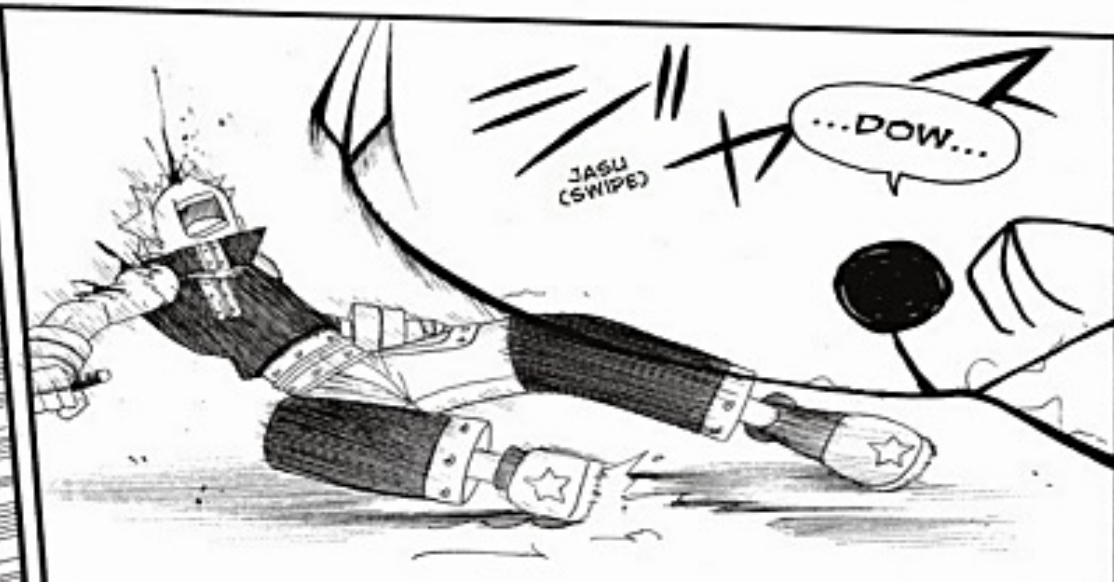
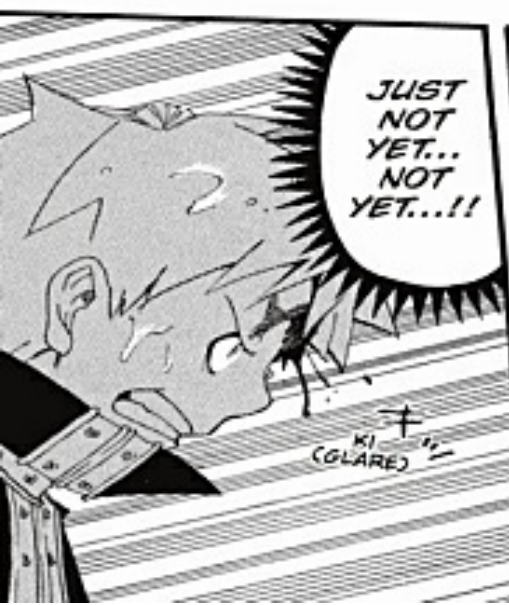
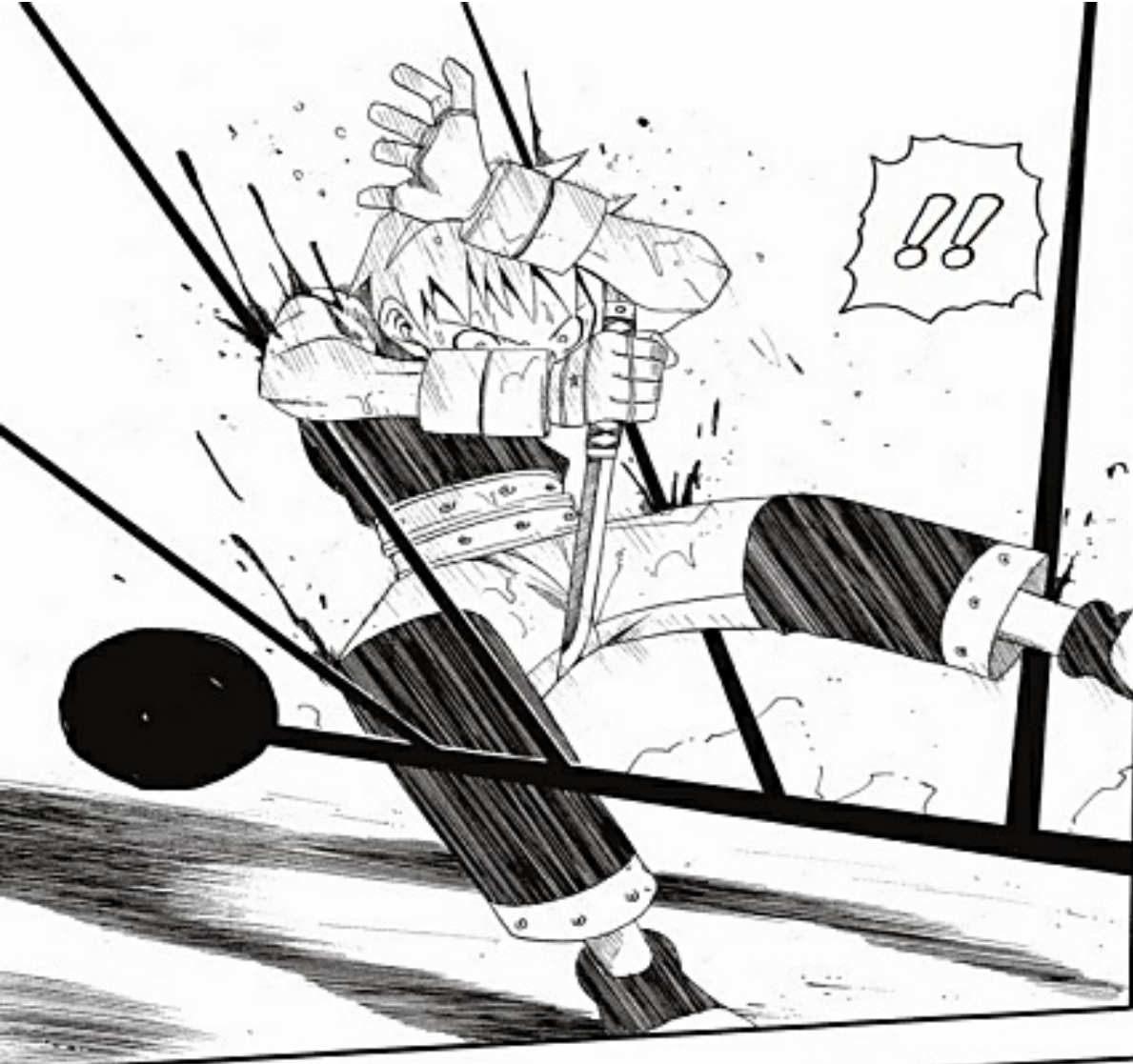
TEKE
(SCUTTLED)

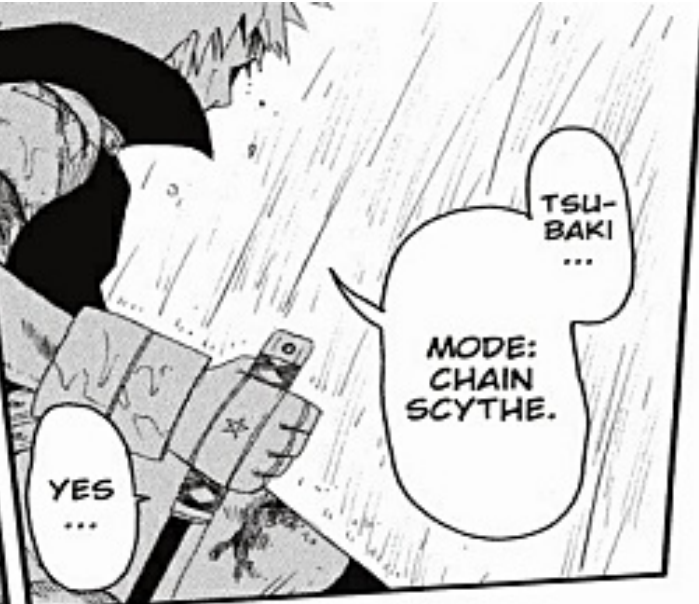
TEKE

TEKE

TEKE









COME!!
MY
TIME TO
SHINE!!



BUT
HERE'S
WHERE
I FINISH
YOU OFF!!

YOU'RE
DAMN
STUB-
BORN.



SHUTA
(SHOOP)

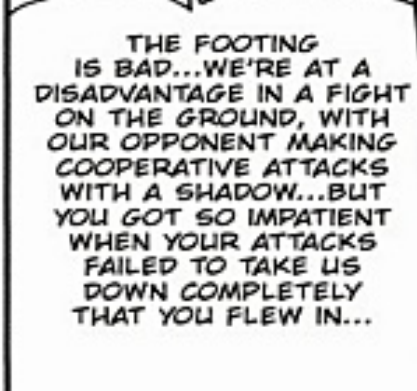
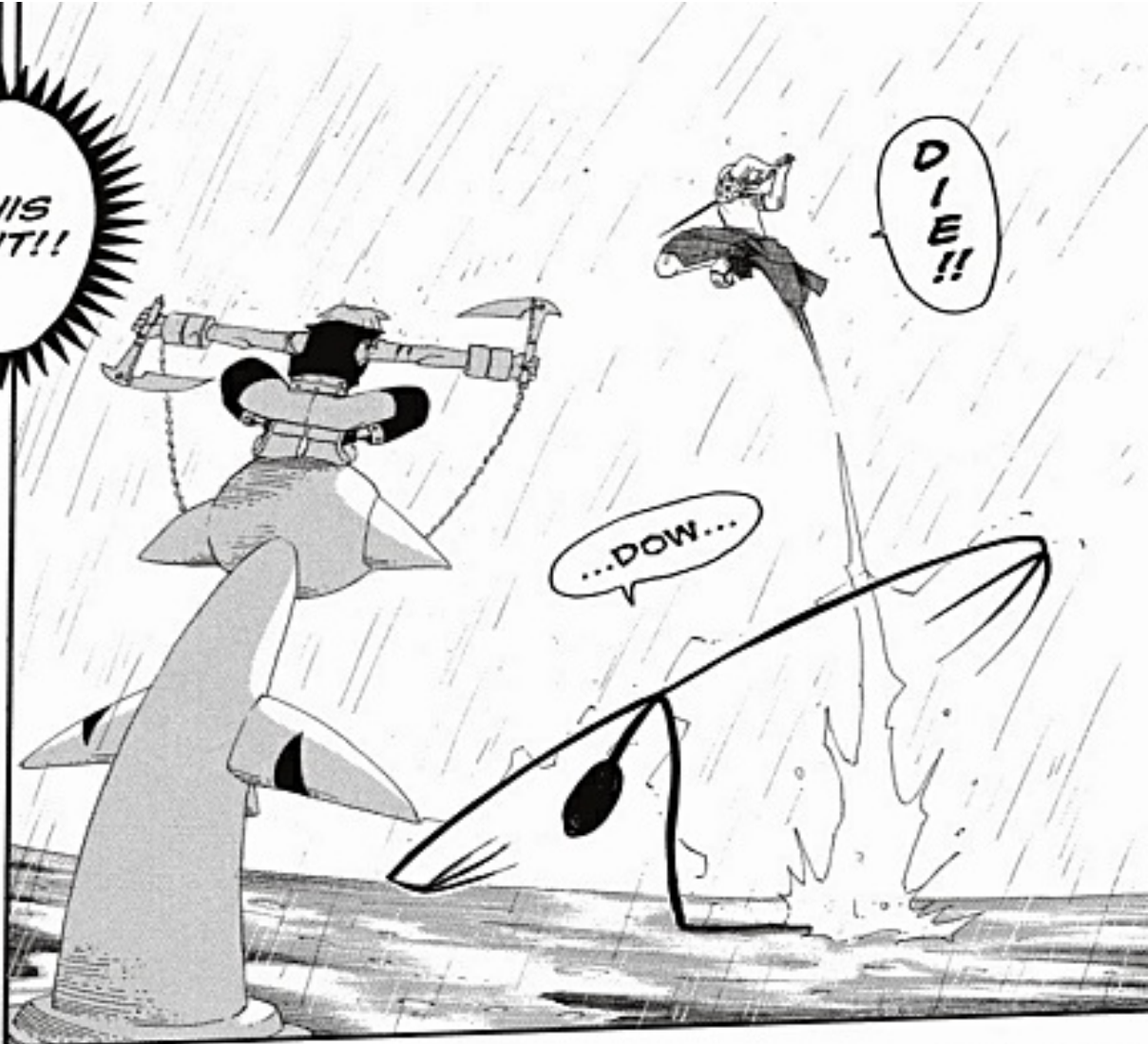


TA
(CTMP)



COME!!

SHADOW!!







...MY
TIME
!!!!



Y
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
H
!!



4ヤ!!!
CHA
CENATCHO



THIS IS
INTER-
ESTING
...

OHH
...?





YOU'RE
GOING
TO TRY
TO GET
INTO ME,
AREN'T
YOU...?



*Thanks,
Black
★
Star.*

*I'll be
back.*



NOW
IT'S MY
FIGHT...

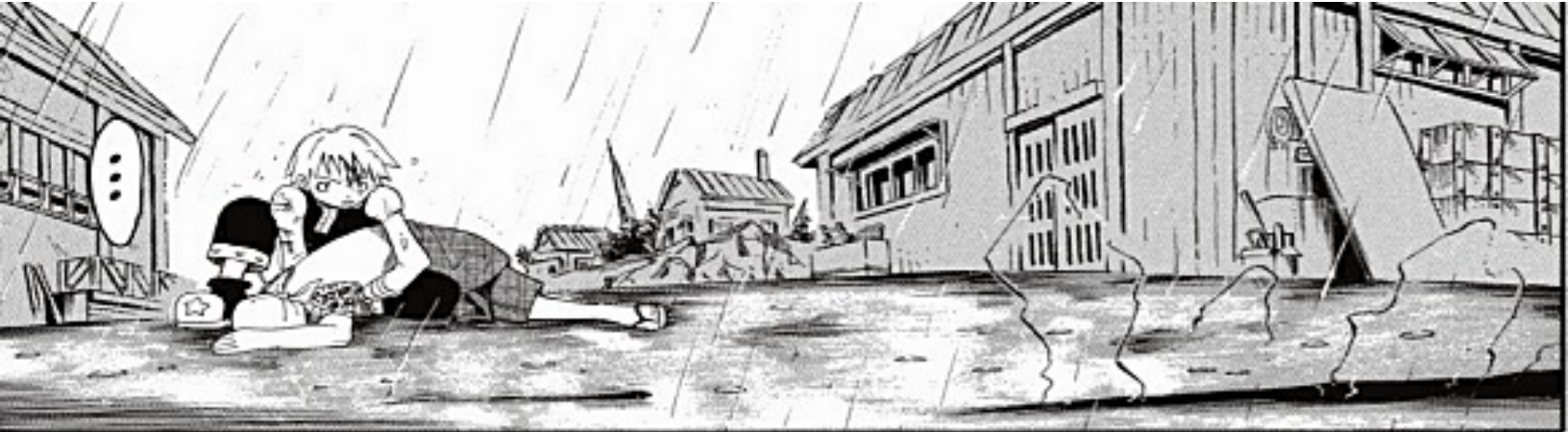


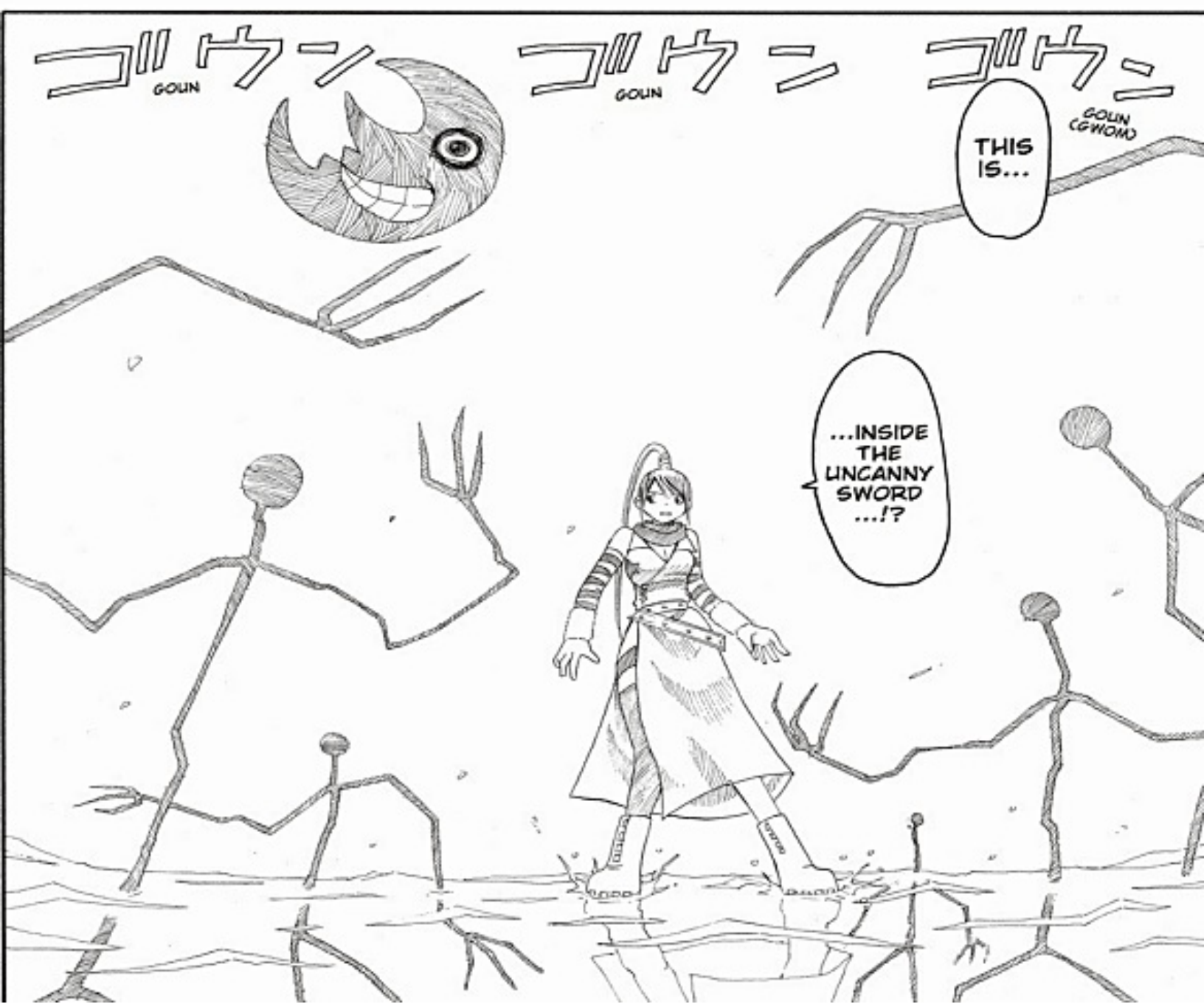
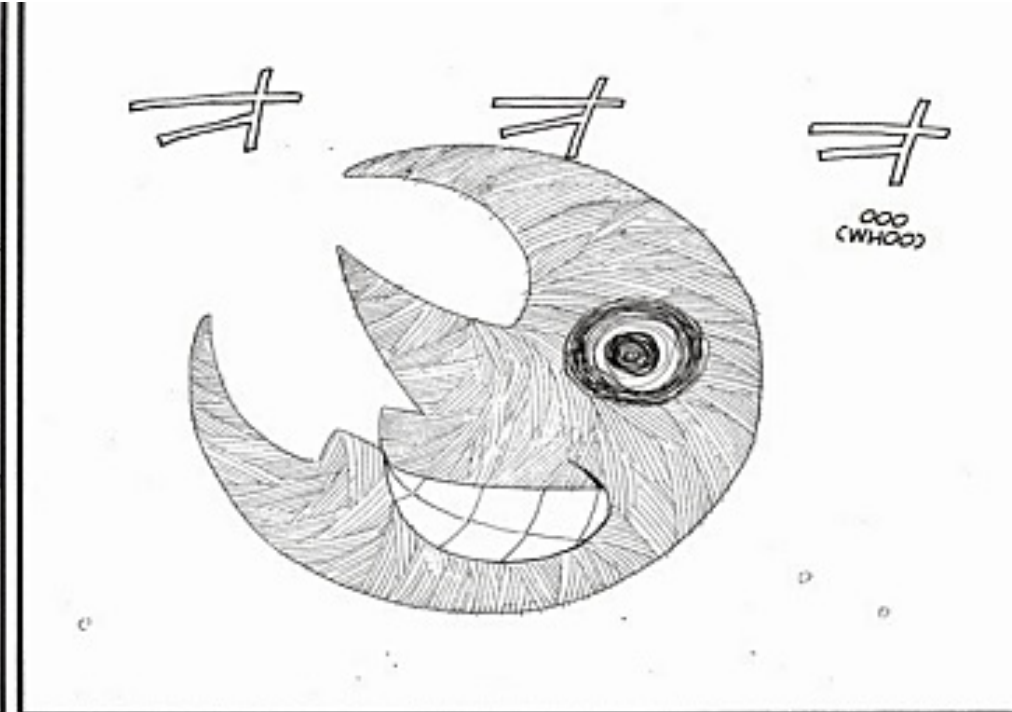
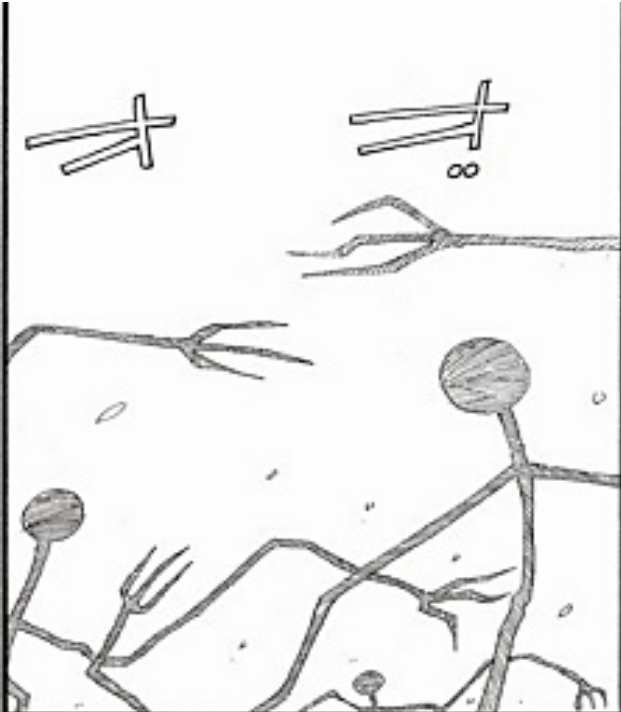
SHUTA
(SWOOP)

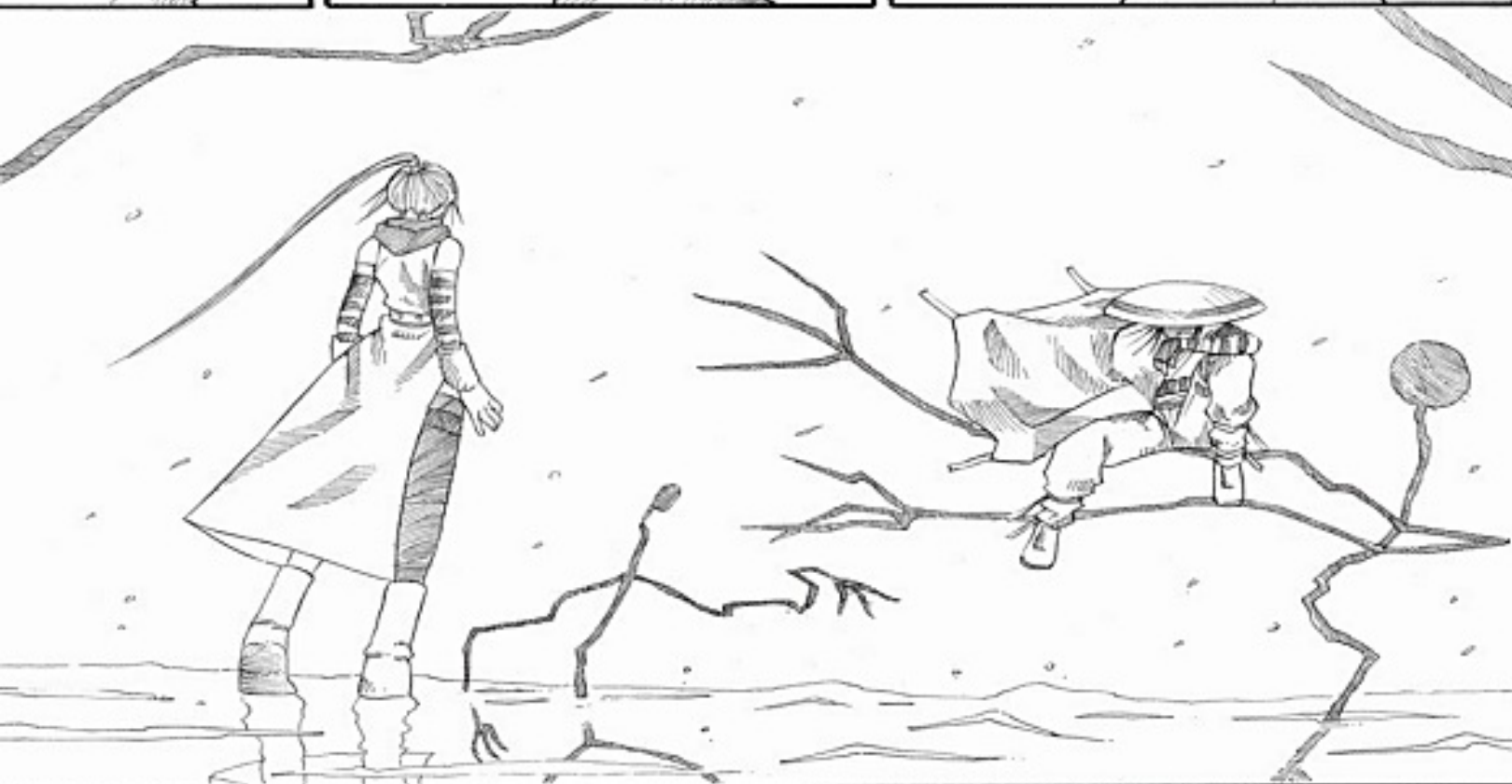


...I WILL
STOP THE
UNCANNY
SWORD!!









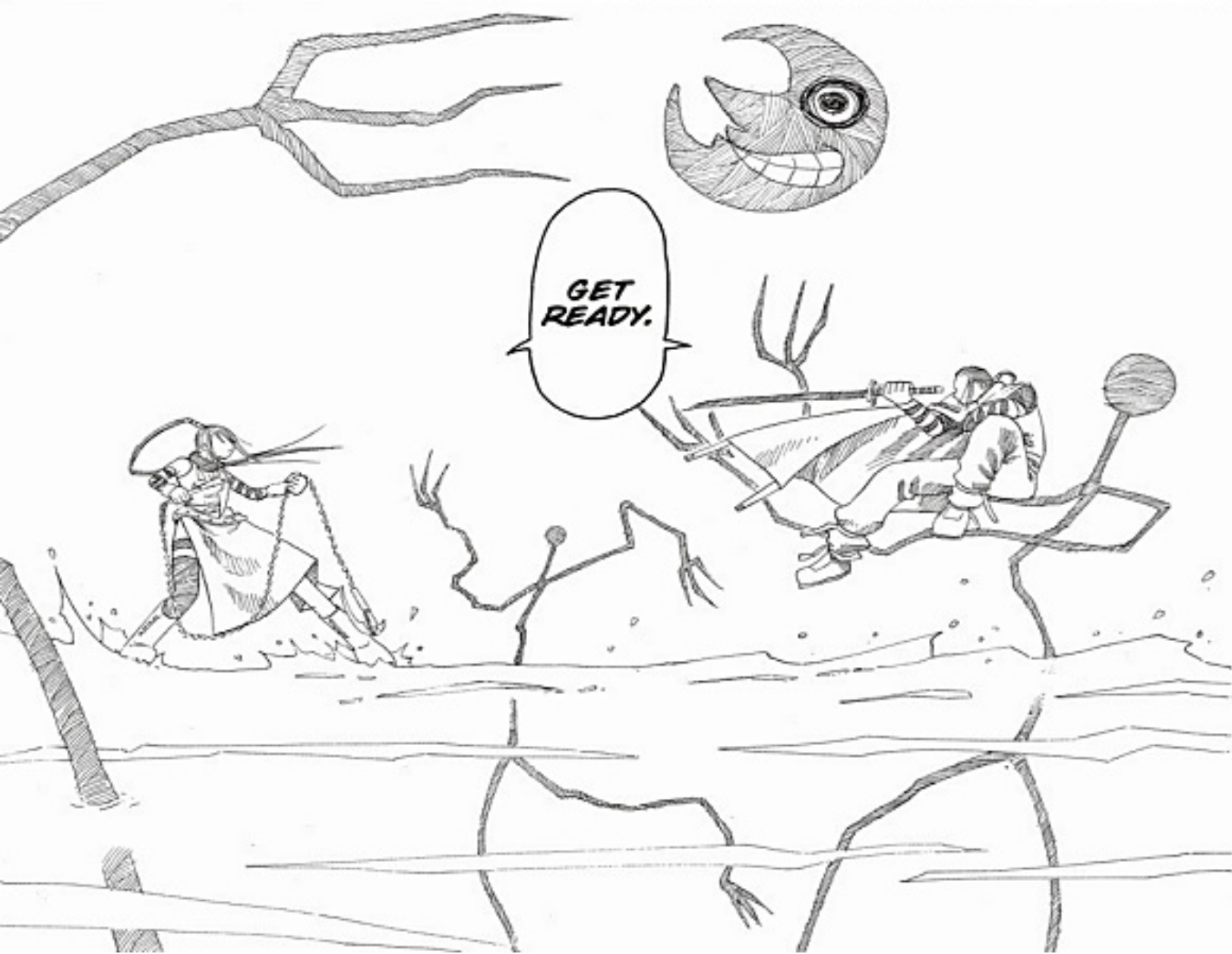
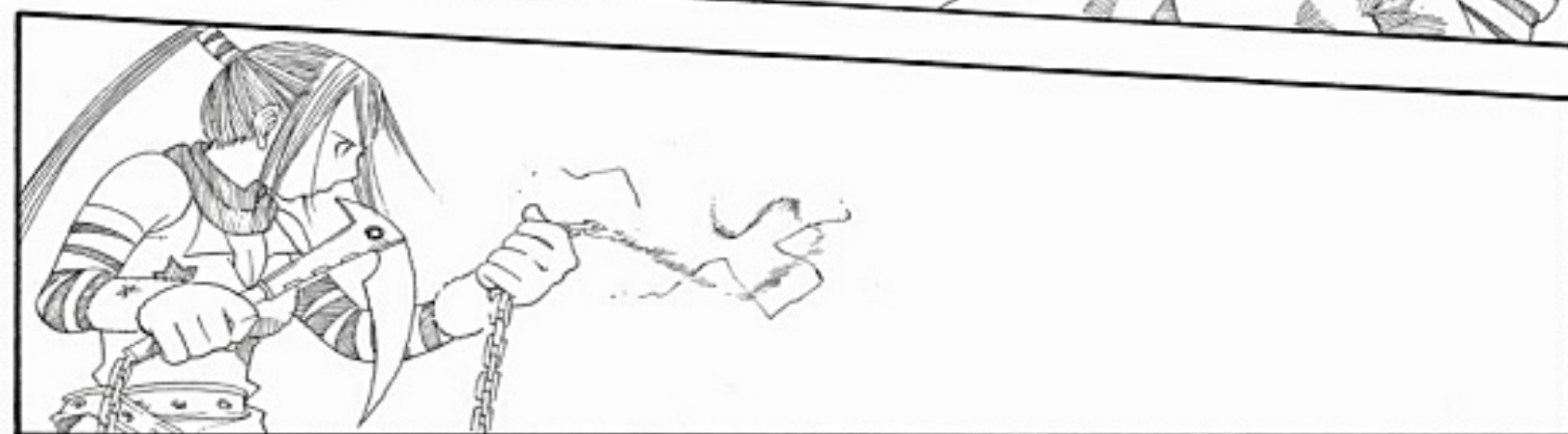
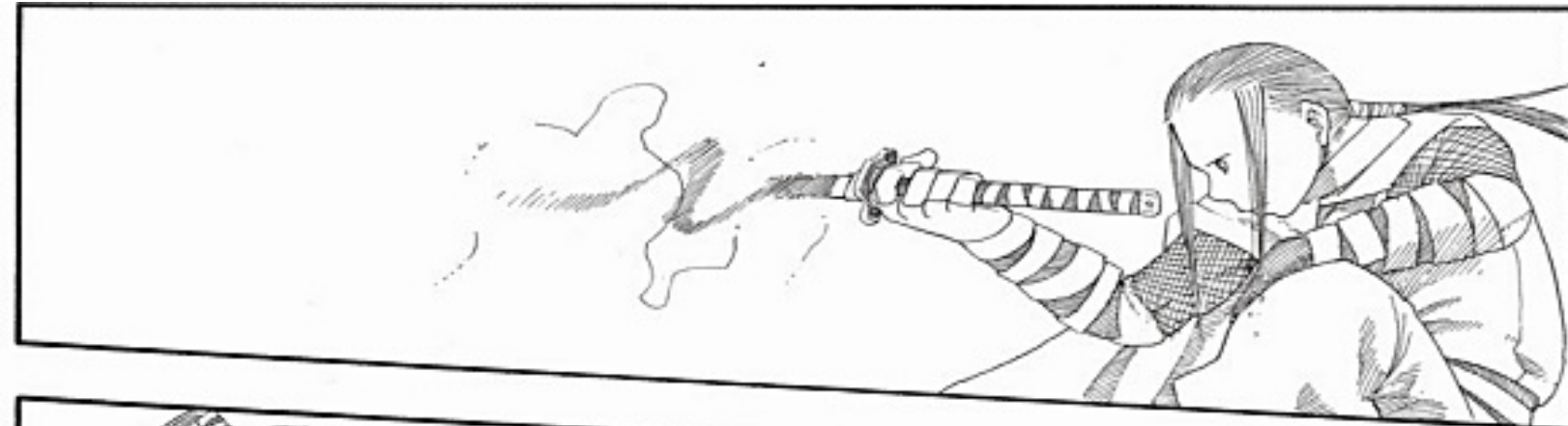


THE
UN-
CANNY
SWORD
MASA-
MUNE

IT
GIVES
ME
CHILLS.



BROTHER
...



SOUL  **EATER**







CHAPTER 8: UNCANNY SWORD (PART 2)



IT JUST
QUIETLY
BLOOMS,
WITHOUT
ANY POINT...
AND THE WAY
THE FLOWERS
FALL OFF IS
MISERABLE
AND
HIDEOUS...

BASHA

BASHA
(SPLASH)

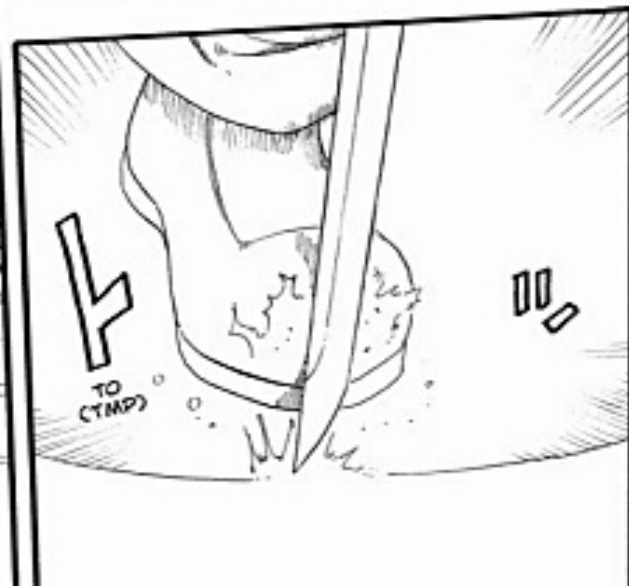
"A
FLOWER
WITHOUT
A FRA-
GRANCE."

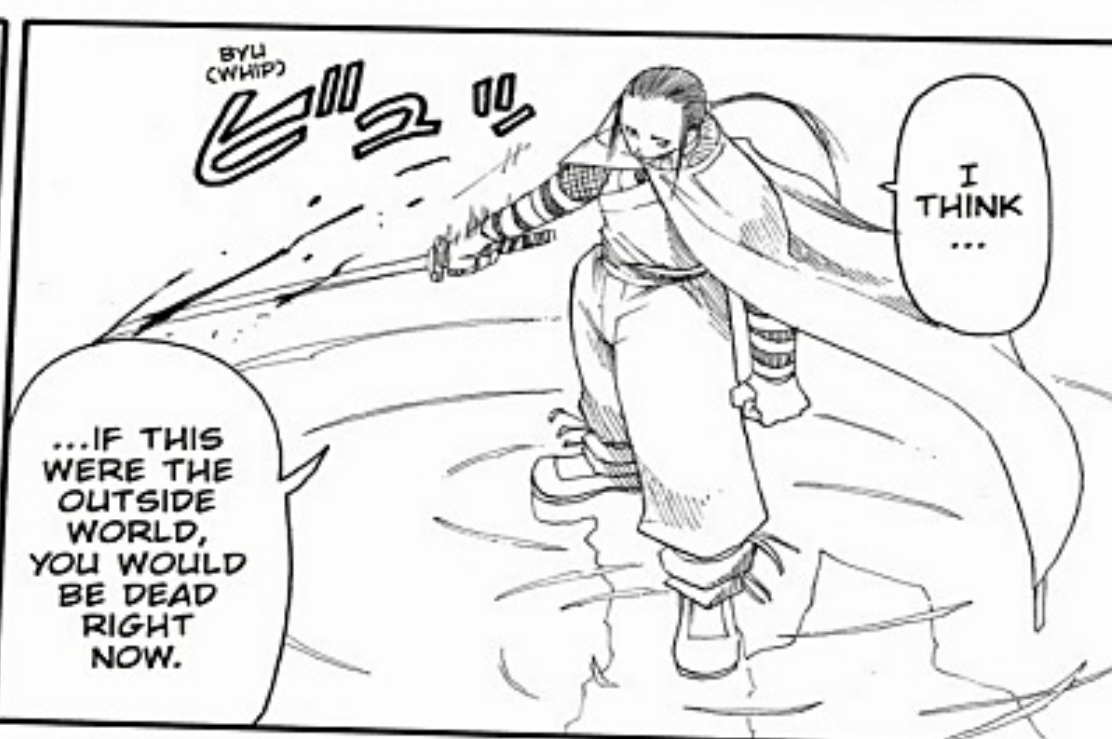
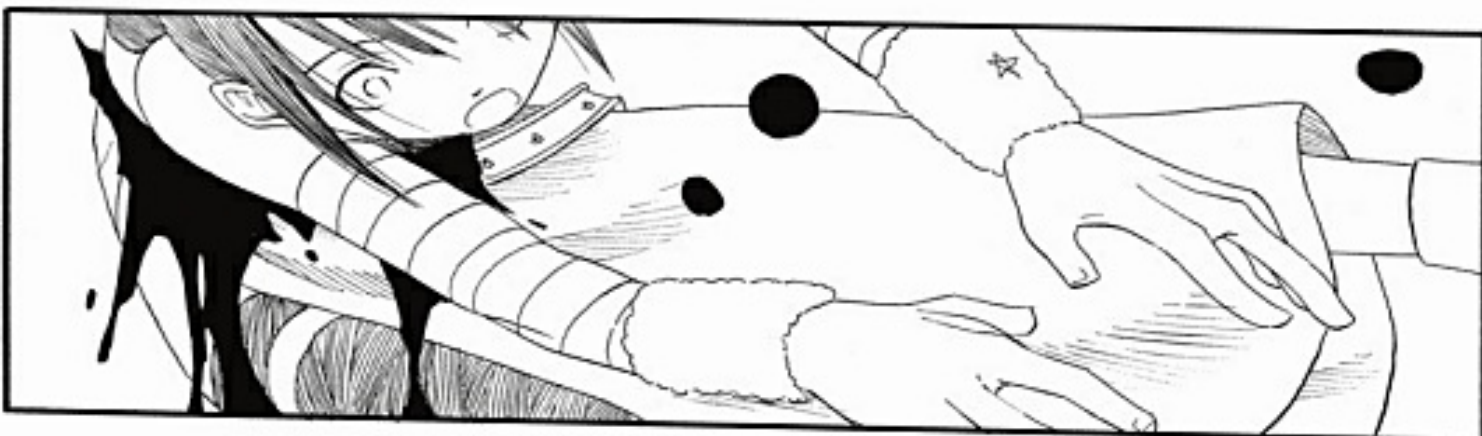
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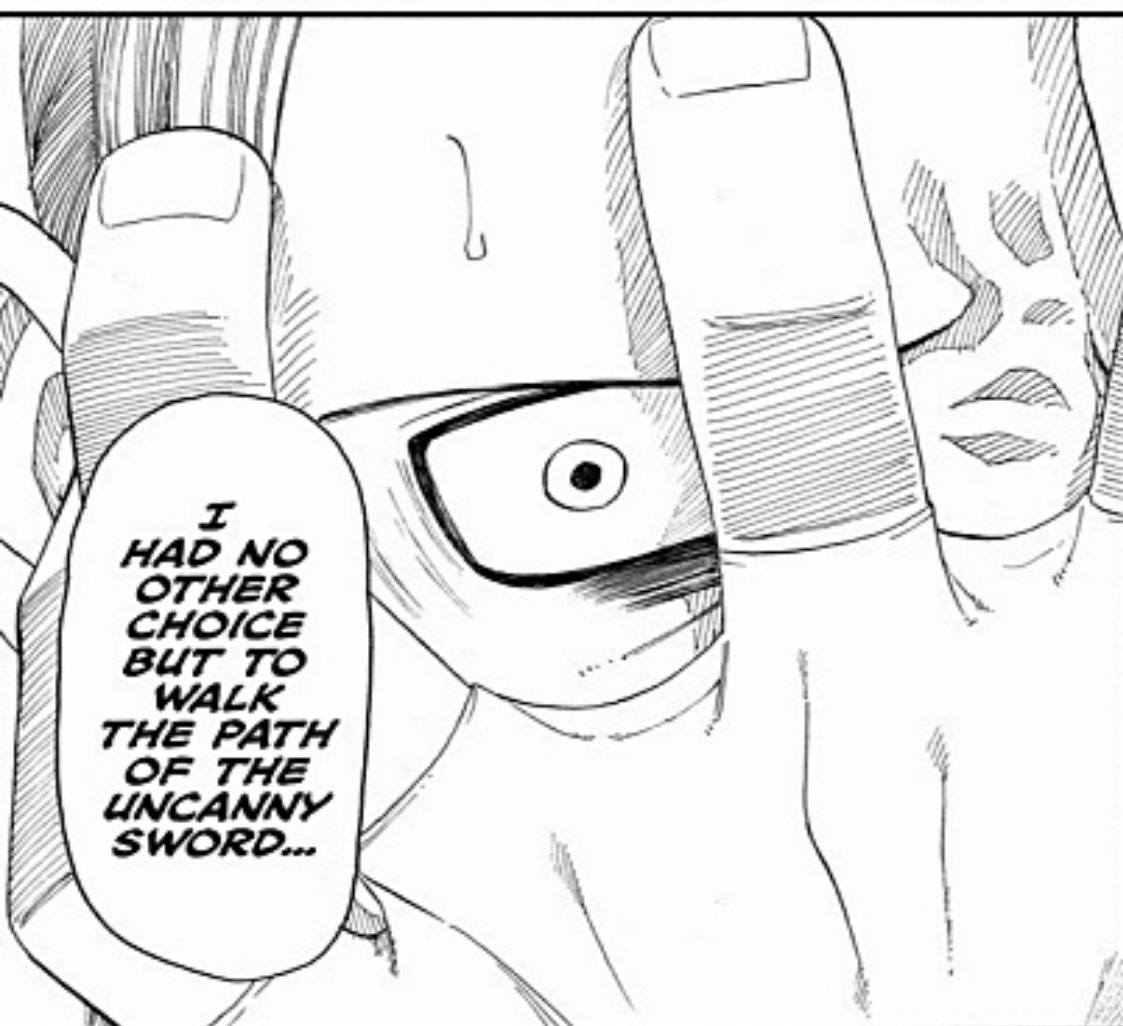


IT'S A
PETTY
FLOWER.

ZUBAN
(SLICE)







I
HAD NO
OTHER
CHOICE
BUT TO
WALK
THE PATH
OF THE
UNCANNY
SWORD...



THOSE
EYES...

YOU
LEAD
ME TO
THIS...

STOP...
DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
WITH
THOSE
EYES...

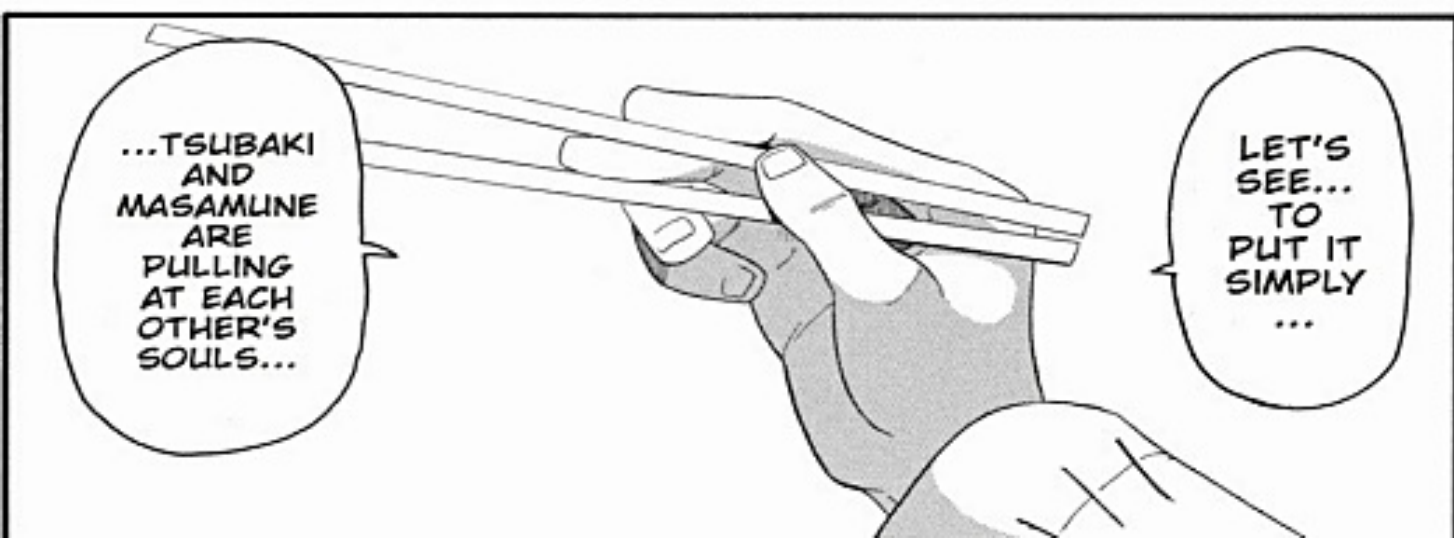
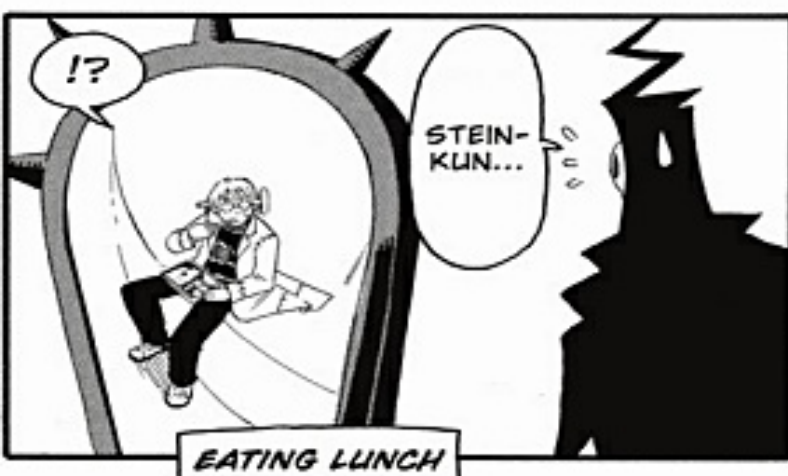


TSUBAKI!!



ZA
(WHU)

+



MASAMUNE

TSUBAKI

THE UNCANNY
SWORD HAS TAKEN
OVER PARTS OF
TSUBAKI'S SOUL WITH
HIS SPECIAL ABILITY,
"SOUL POSSESSION,"
AND IT LOOKS LIKE
TSUBAKI IS TRYING
HARD TO ABSORB
THOSE SAME PARTS
OF MASAMUNE'S SOUL.

KAPO
カポ

KAPO
(KSHMP)
カポ

THE BATTLE IS
TAKING PLACE
INSIDE THE
UNCANNY SWORD...
NOT ONLY THAT,
PULLING AT
SOULS IS THE
UNCANNY SWORD'S
SPECIALTY...THE
CHANCE THAT
TSUBAKI WILL WIN
IS VERY LOW.

...
THAT'S
HARD
TO
SAY...

TURNING
THE
TABLES
ON HIM,
HUH...?

...BUT
DOES
TSUBAKI
HAVE ANY
CHANCE OF
WINNING?

THIS
BATTLE...
IS PLAIN
FOOLISH
...

...

NO ONE IS AS
CUTE AS YOU!!
DON'T WORRY, BIG
SIS WILL PROTECT
YOU, SO THAT
YOU DON'T GET
TRICKED BY ANY
STRANGE MEN!!


HA
HA
HA!

gyuuu
chuuu
ぎゅう
ちゅう

IT
WOULD
WORK
OUT,
SIS.

I CAN'T
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
LIFE
WITHOUT
PATTY...

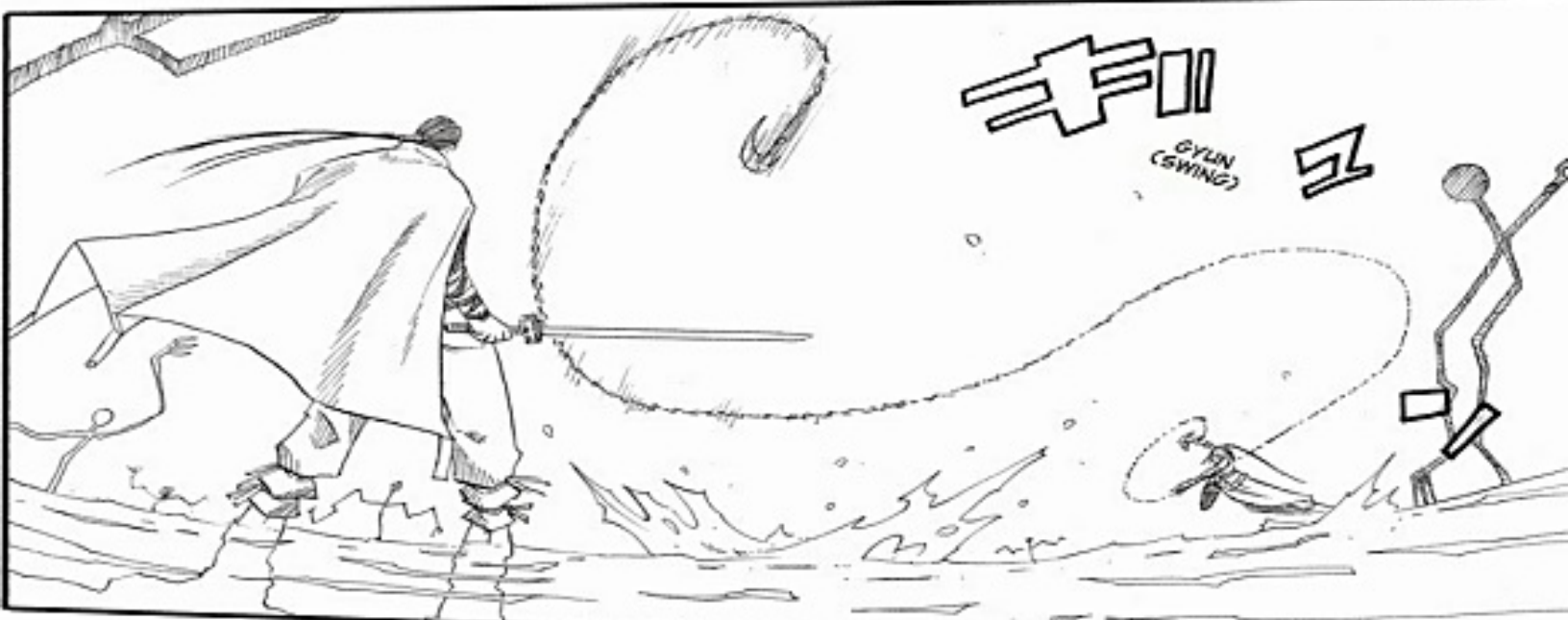
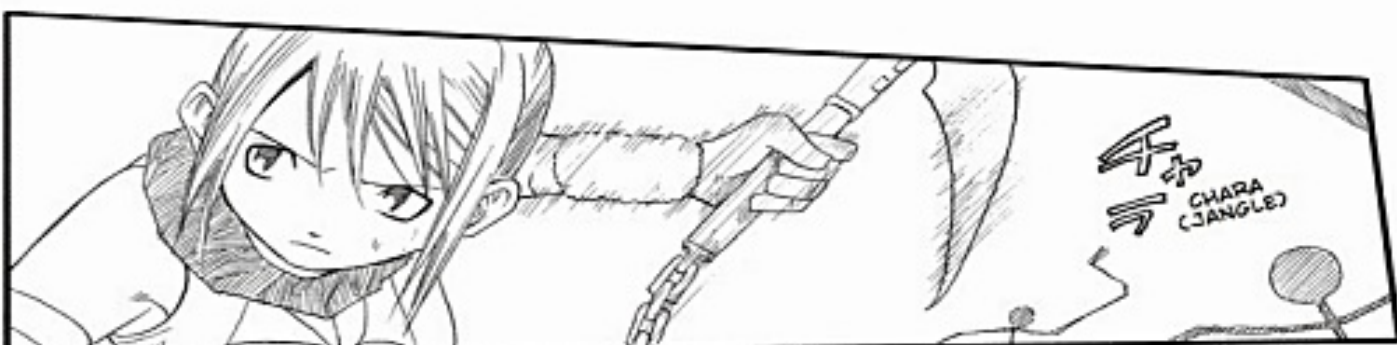
WAAH
WAAH...
HOW
COULD
SIBLINGS
TRY TO
KILL EACH
OTHER
...?



...WHY
DID THE
UNCANNY
SWORD
MASAMUNE
WANT
POWER AND
DECIDE TO
WALK THIS
PATH...?

THE FIRST
KISHIN
SOUGHT
POWER TO
RELEASE
HIMSELF
FROM THE
FEAR OF
DEATH...

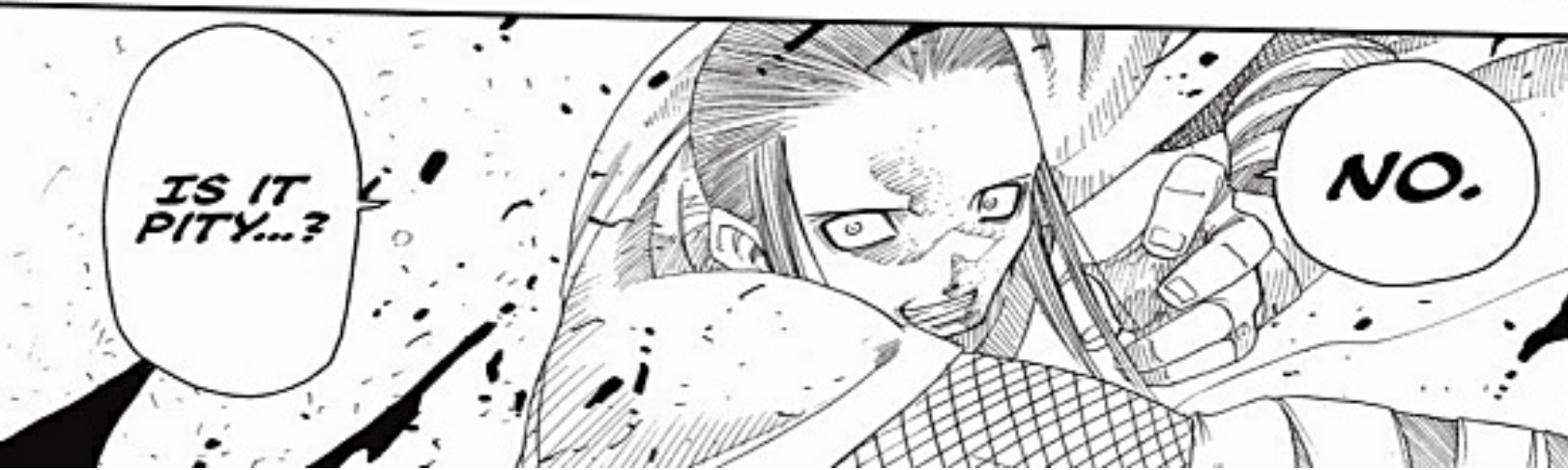
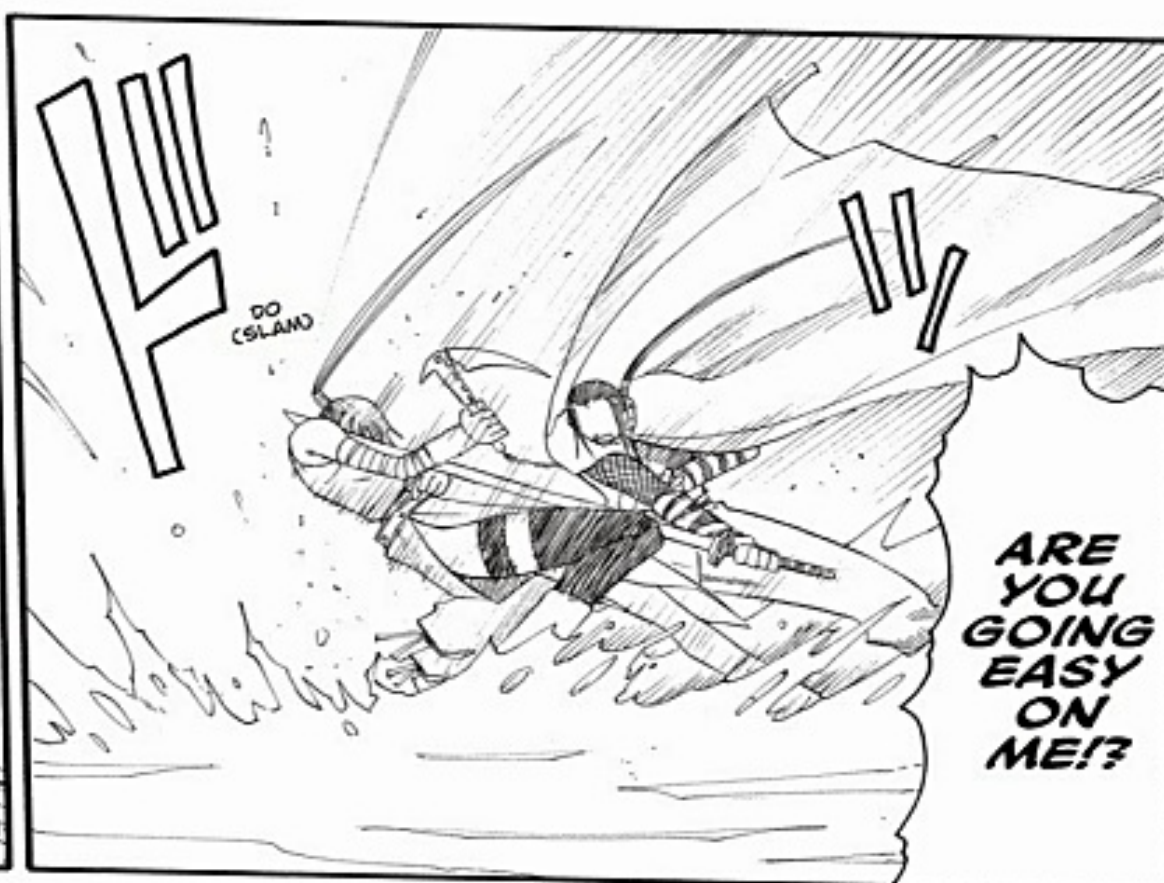
IT IS
WEAKNESS
OF THE
HEART THAT
MAKES
SOMEONE
CHOOSE THE
PATH TO
BECOMING
A KISHIN.

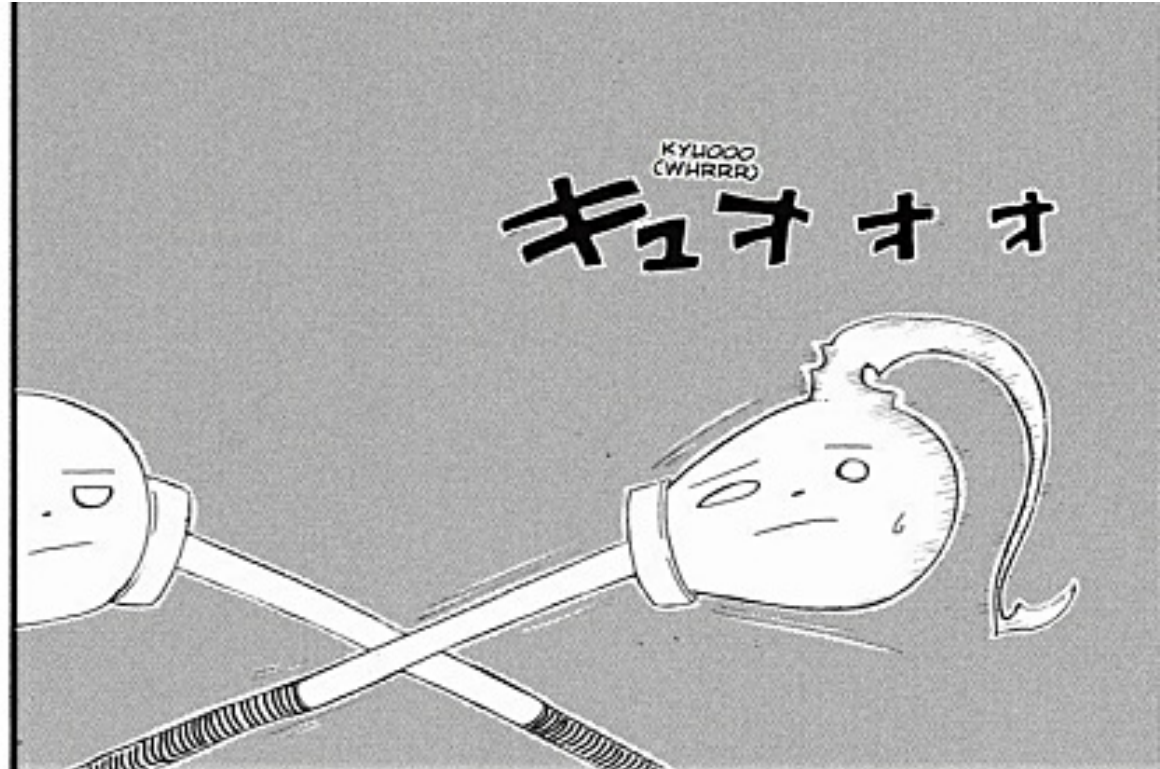


THE
ABILITY
TO
TRANS-
FORM
...

SMOKE
BOMB...

SHURI-
KEN...







YOU HELD
BACK
YOUR OWN
FEELINGS
AND WERE
ALWAYS
CAREFUL
NOT TO
HURT
MINE...
I CAN'T
STAND
THAT!!

DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
LIKE
THAT!!
DON'T
PITY
ME!!



I WAS
RAISED WITH
MORE CARE
THAN ANYONE
ELSE...
BECAUSE I'M
A WORTHLESS
PIECE OF
TRASH...



MASTER
THE
MARTIAL
WAY!!

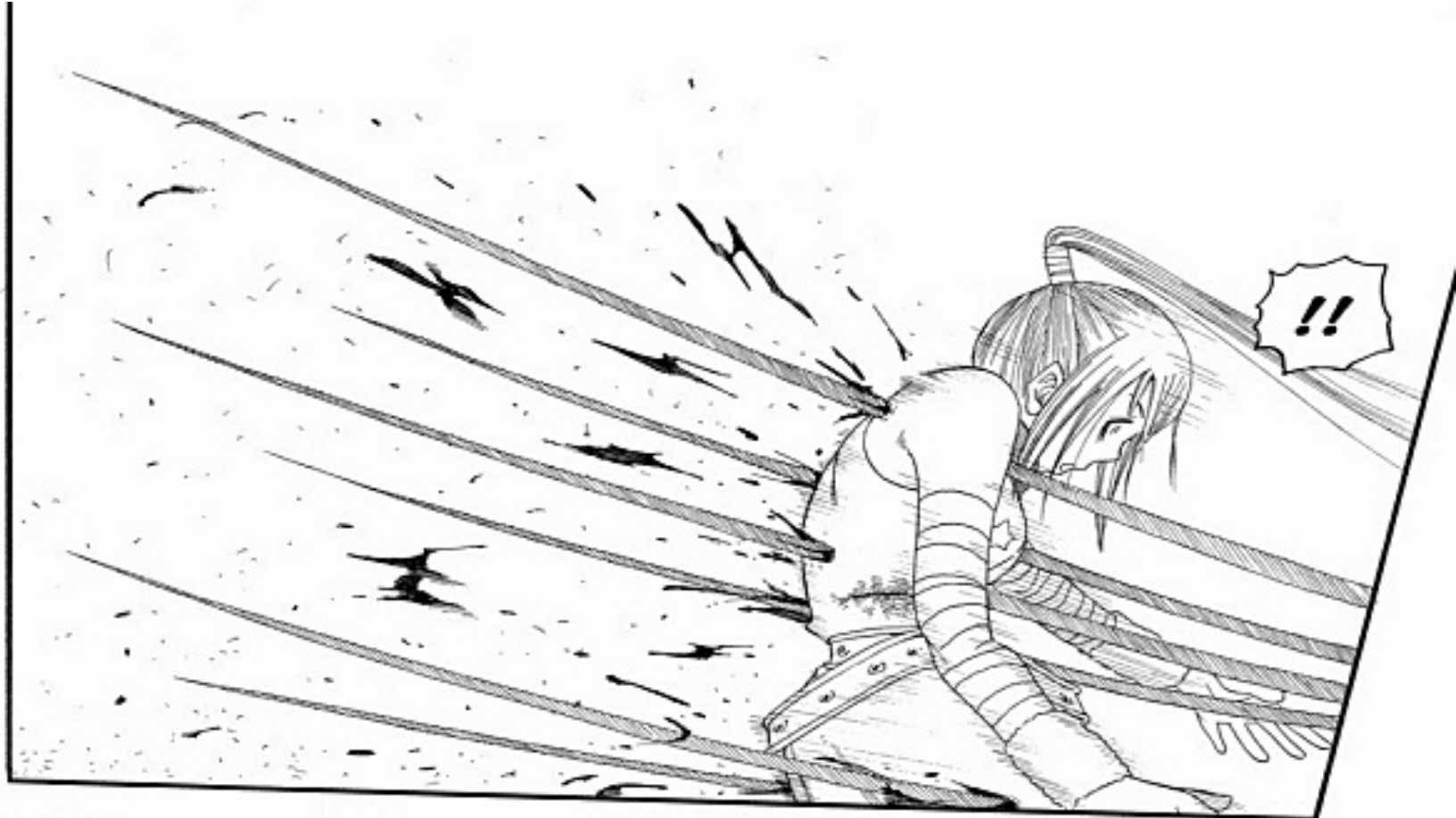
GO
(CRUMBLE)

...BECOME
A KISHIN...
AND
THEN...

THIS
IS THE
ONLY
PATH
I HAD

TSUBAKI
...I WILL
KILL YOU
...









DYMA
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY

ALL YOU
GUYS
BETTER
REMEMBER
THIS!!



**H
Y
A
H
A
A
!!**



**BLACK
★
STAR!!**

**I
A
M
!!!**



||
BEN

A HALO
OF LIGHT
SHALL
SHINE
AROUND
ME
TOMOR-
ROW!!

SKY
ABOVE,
SKY
BELOW,
I ALONE
STAND
ALMIGHTY
!!

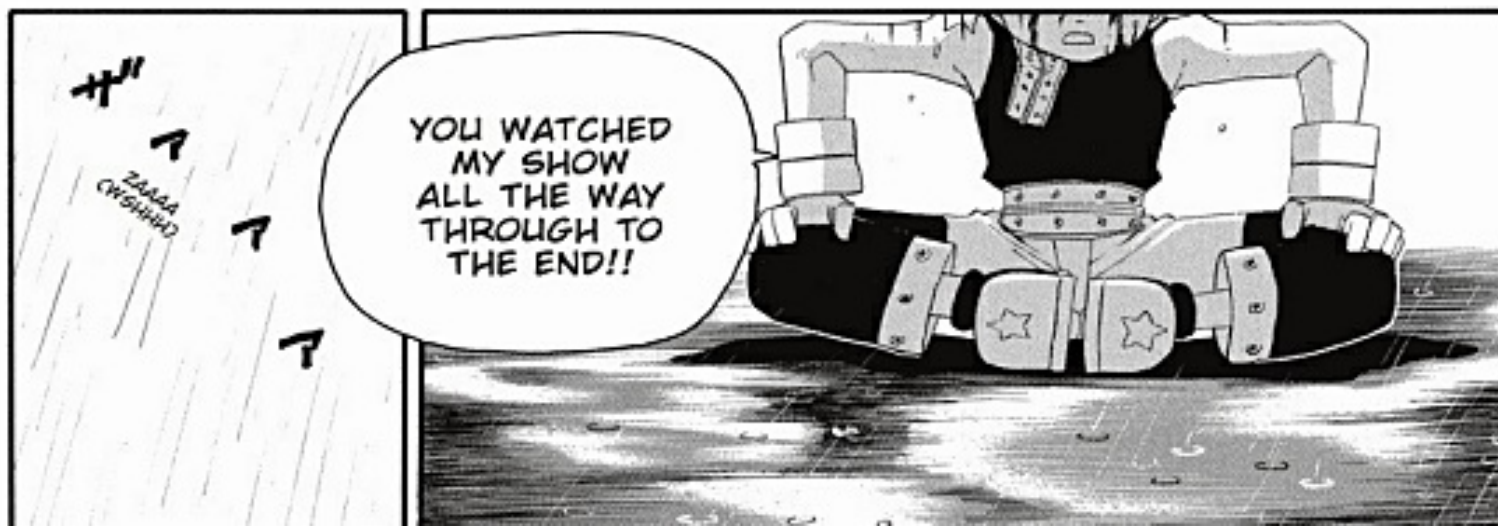


ZAWA
CALIRAMURO

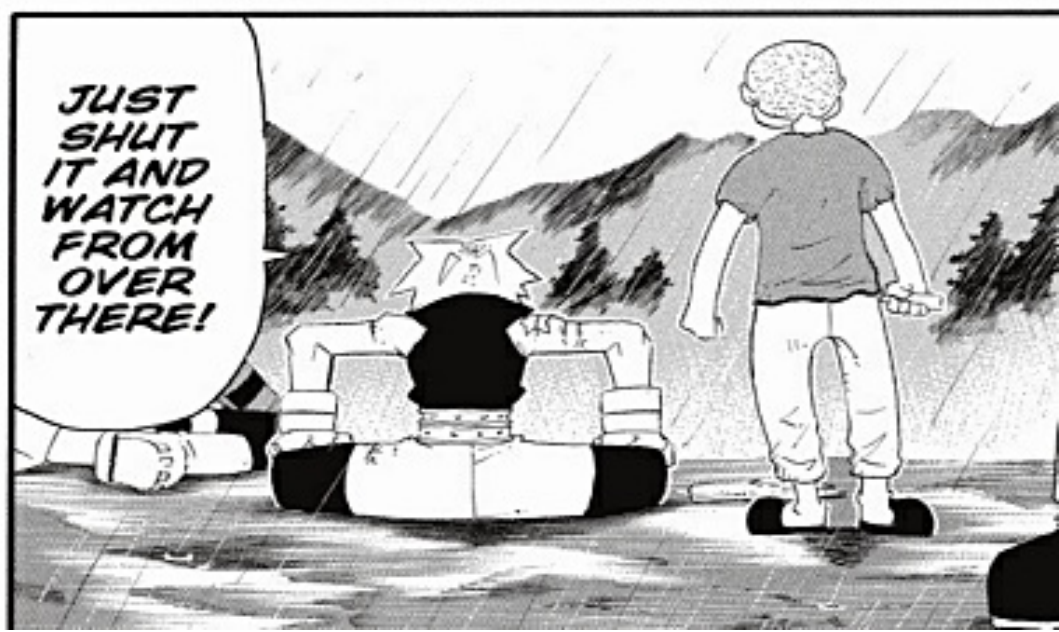
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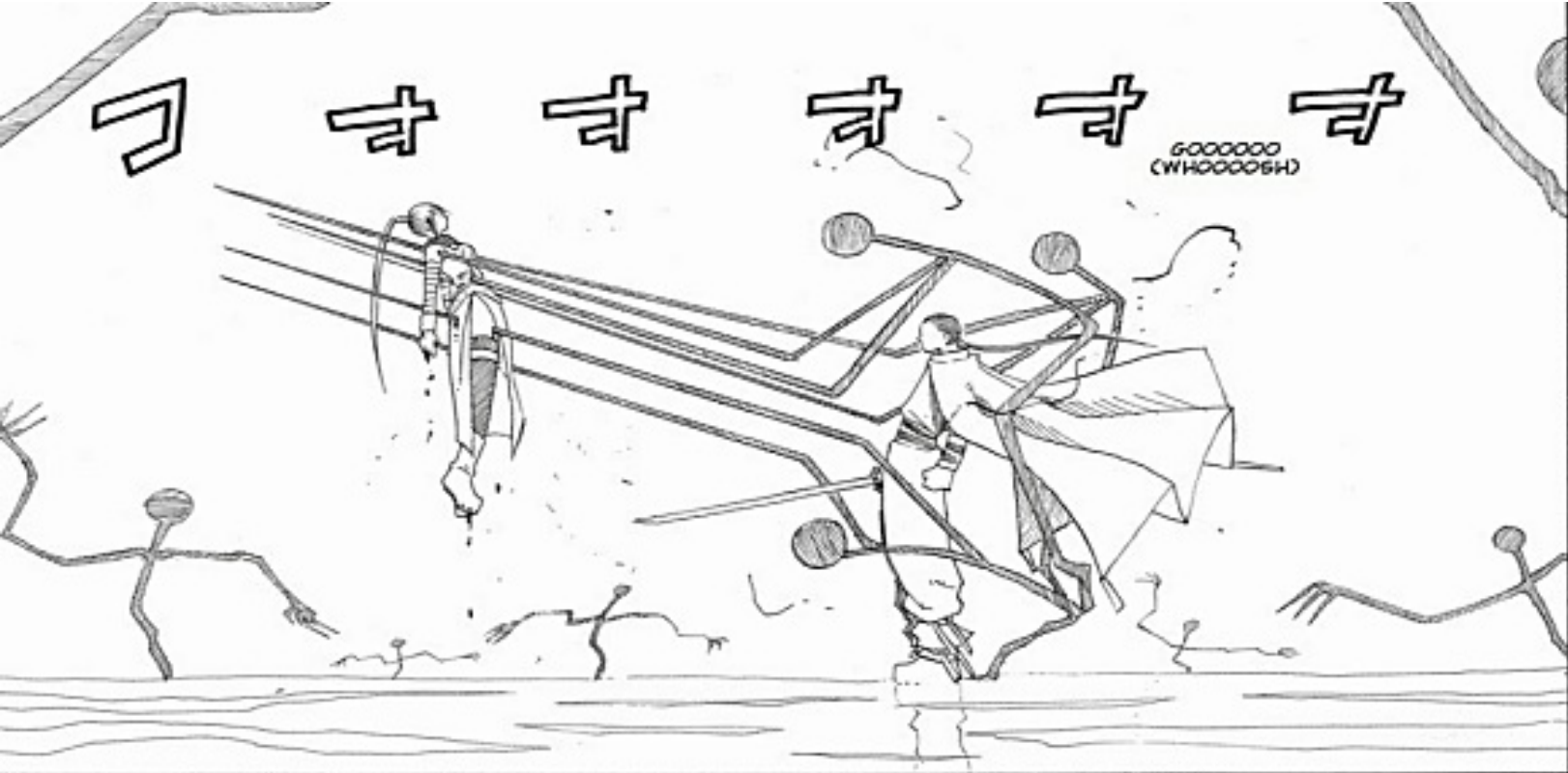
I WILL
SURPASS
THE GODS!!
NO, I'VE
ALREADY
STARTED
TO!!

DON'T
LOOK SO
DISPIRITED,
COMMONERS!!
I'M JUST
TOO COOL!!











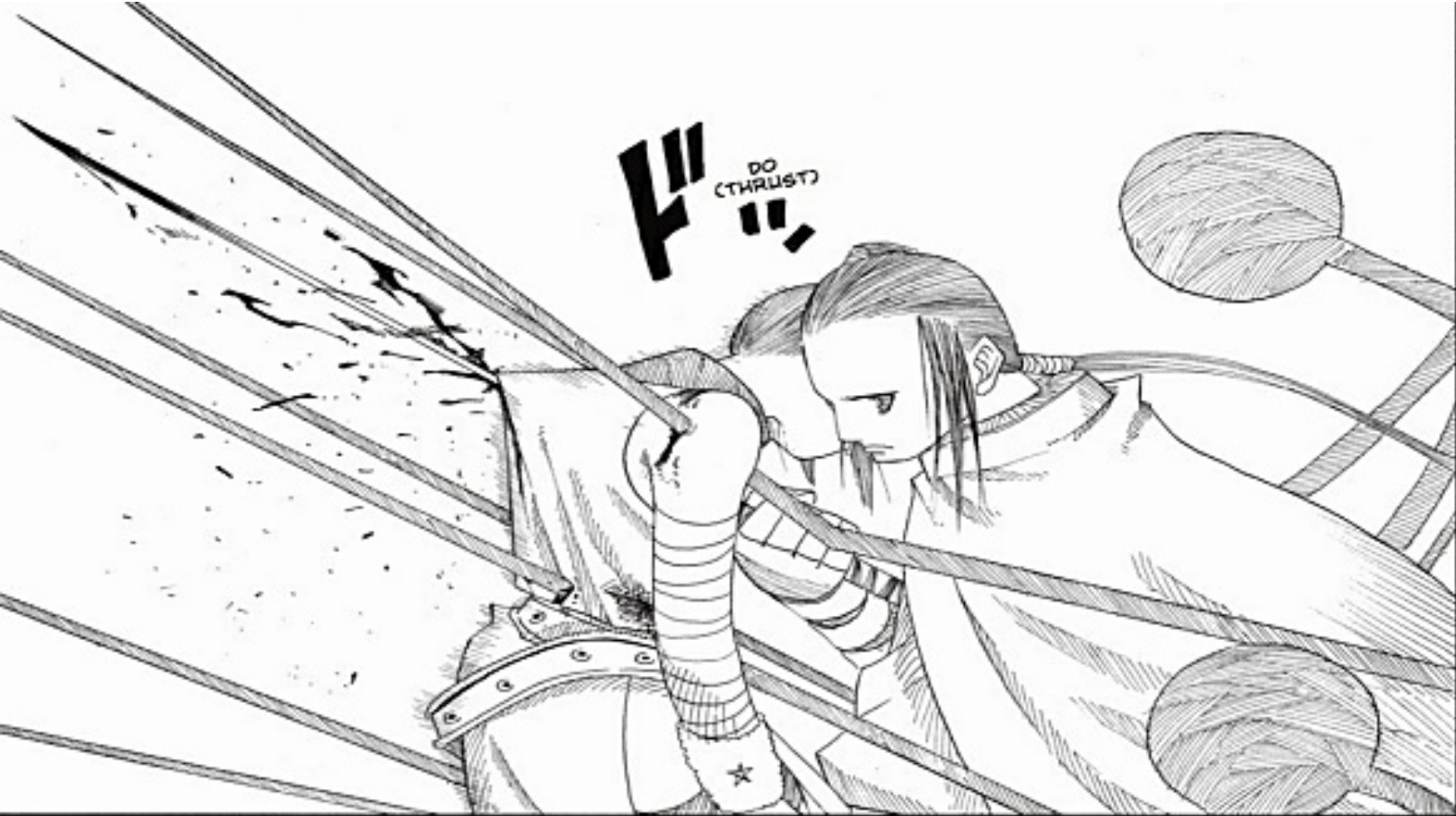
I WANT TO PLAY WHATEVER YOU WANT TO PLAY!

WHAT
AM I
GOING TO
DO WITH
YOU...
TSUBAKI
...?

**I WILL
KILL MY
SISTER
AND
BECOME A
KISHIN...**

A black and white manga-style illustration. A large, jagged speech bubble with a sunburst-like border contains the text. Below the bubble is a close-up of a clenched fist, showing the knuckles and the back of the hand. The fist is rendered with detailed line work and shading.

THEN I
WANT TO
PLAY WITH
THE BALL!



...BUT
SHE'S UP
AGAINST
THE WRONG
OPPONENT...

IT'S TRUE
THAT TSUBAKI
IS A "MULTI-
FORM HIGH-
PERFORMANCE
WEAPON"...

...THERE'S
NO WAY
SHE CAN
WIN...



...BUT
THAT
ISN'T HER
GREATEST
STRENGTH
...

YES,
TSUBAKI-
CHAN'S
SPECIAL
"MULTI-
FORM"
ABILITY MAY
BE PART
OF HER
APPEAL...

I
SHOULD'VE
GONE,
EVEN IF
YOU TRIED
TO STOP
ME.

...





YES!

YOU REALLY
WANTED TO
PLAY WITH
THE BALL?



YES.

YOU LIKE
PLAYING
WITH THE
BALL TOO,
TSUBAKI?

I AM
TSUBAKI...
...A FLOWER
WITHOUT A
FRAGRANCE...

I
ACTUALLY
WANTED
TO PLAY
HOUSE...



NIKO
(SMILE)

I AM
JUST
LIKE
THAT
PETTY
FLOWER
...

I AM A
FLOWER
THAT
FALLS IN
AN UGLY,
HIDEOUS
WAY...

YOU'RE
STANDING
THERE
WORDLESSLY,
REVELING
IN THE
FACT THAT
YOU'RE SO
CONSIDER-
ATE, AREN'T
YOU?

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO SAY? DO
YOU
PITY ME!? DO
YOU
DESPISE
ME!?





EVEN
TSUBAKI
HAVE
A FRA-
GRANCE!

THAT
ISN'T
TRUE!

I'M NOT
GOING
TO LET
YOU CALL
ME SOME
PETTY
FLOWER!!



GO
(CRUMBLE)

NO
MATTER
WHAT
YOU TRY
TO DO,
YOU'RE
STILL
JUST A
PETTY
FLOWER!!



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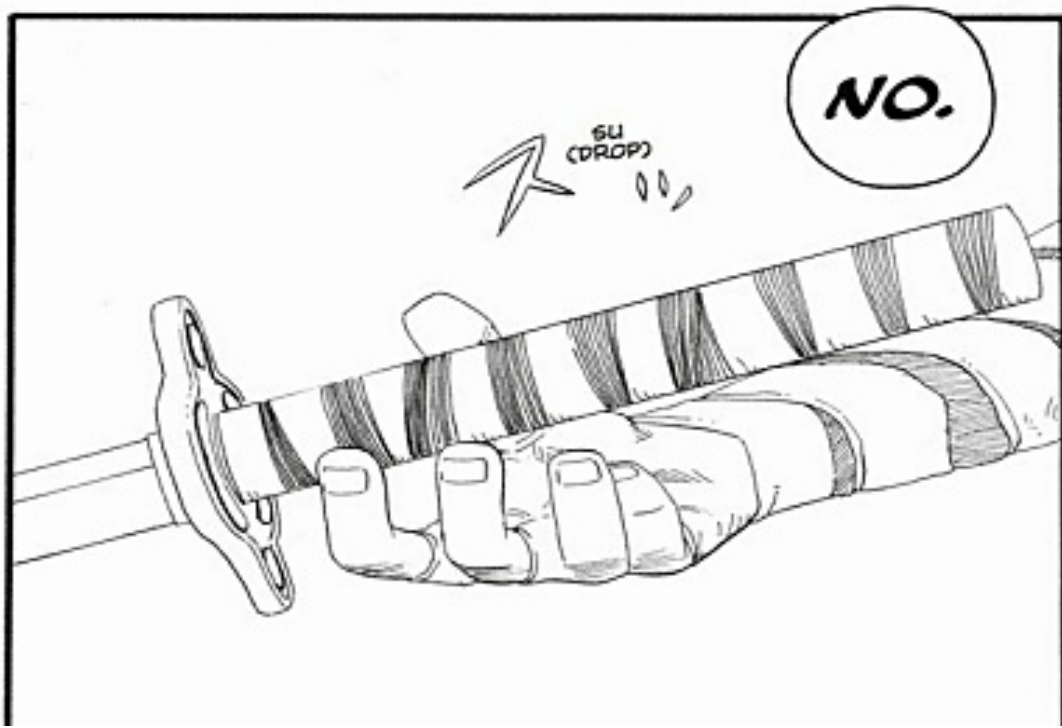
ZAAAAA
(WSHHHH)

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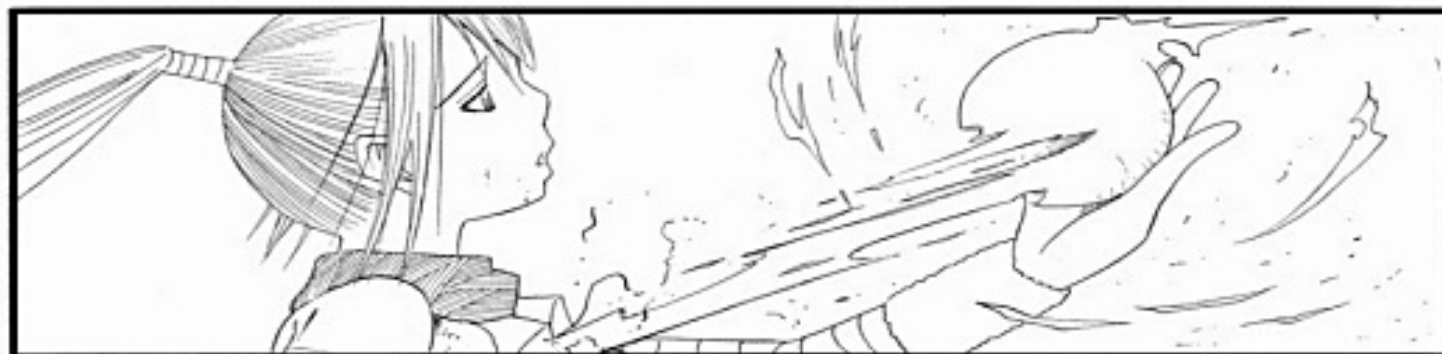
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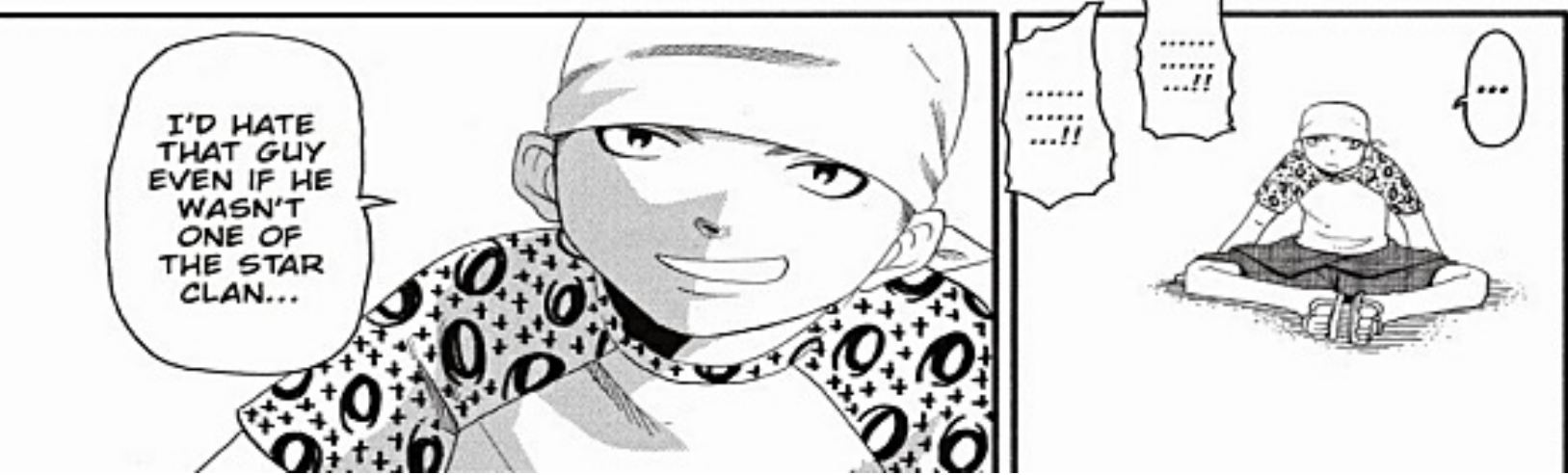














I WANT
TO MOVE
FORWARD
WITH
BLACK
★
STAR...



HUH
...!?

NOW THAT
YOU'VE
TAKEN
DOWN THE
UNCANNY
SWORD AND
SETTLED
YOUR SCORE
WITH HIM,
ARE YOU
STILL GOING
TO BE MY
WEAPON?

HEY,
TSUBAKI
...?



G
R
E
A
T
!!

WITH HIM
AS MY
PARTNER,
I'LL BE
ABLE TO BE
TRUE TO
MYSELF...



YES!
♪

WELCOME
BACK!!!

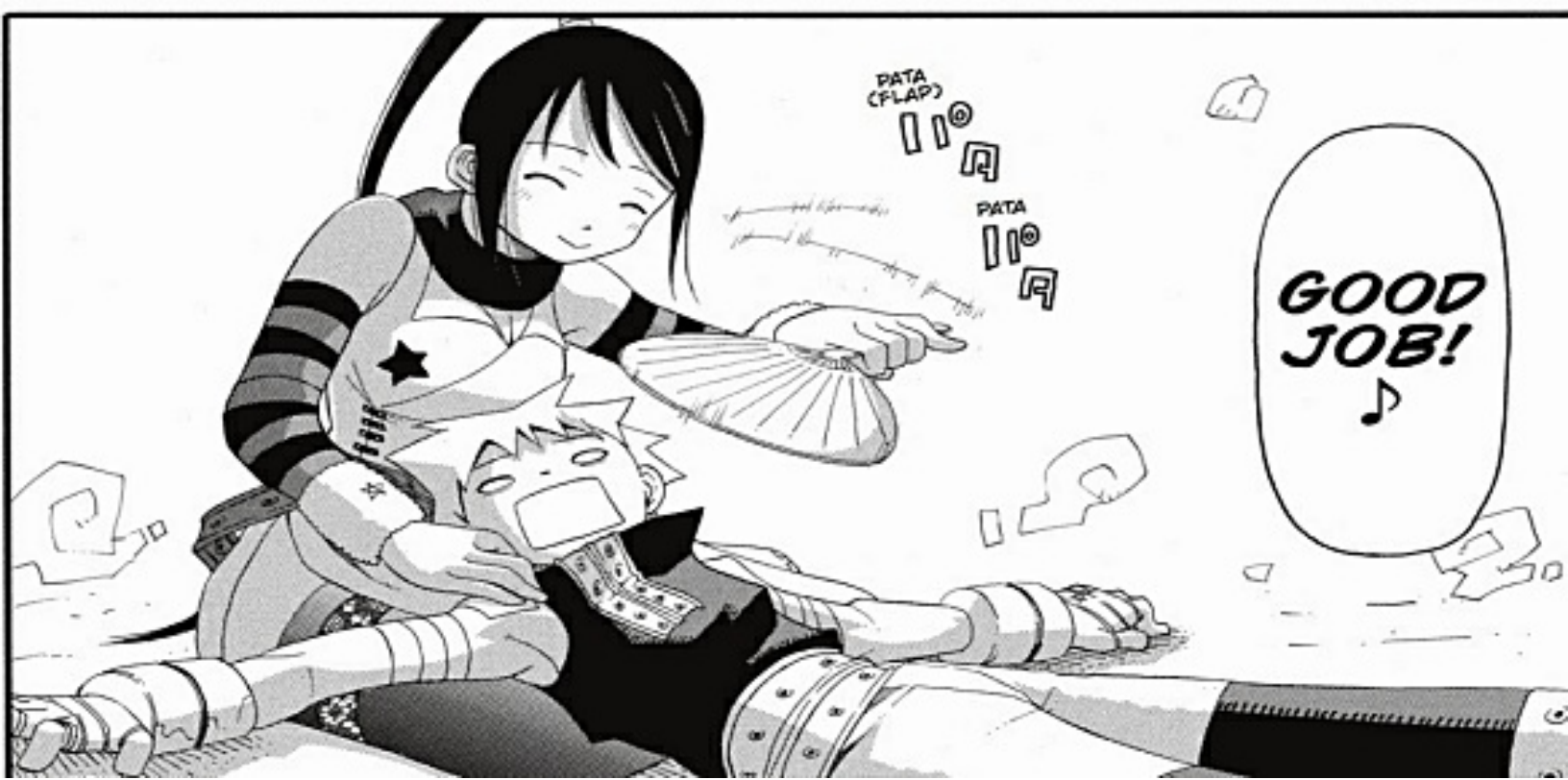
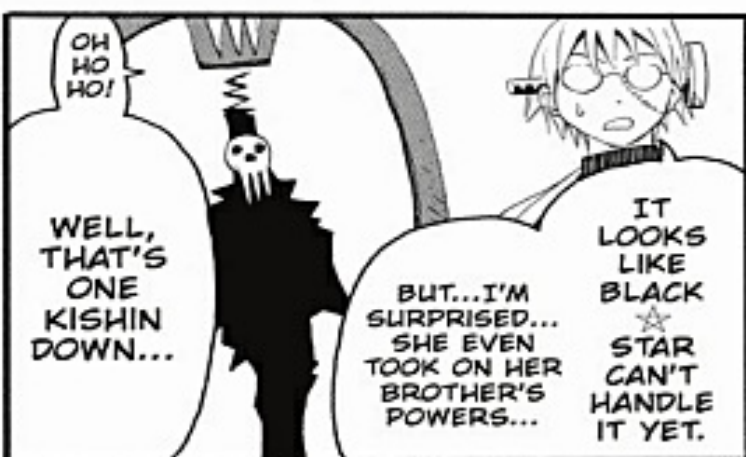
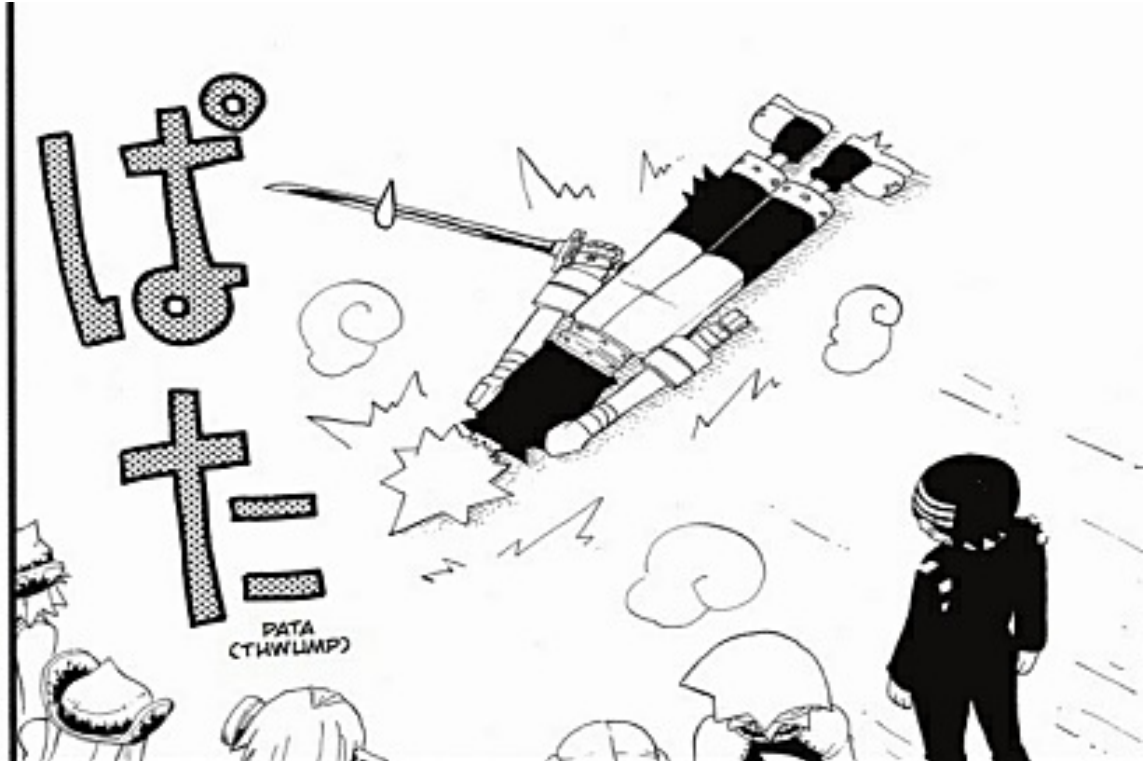


わいの
WAINO

わいの
WAINO
(MERRY)



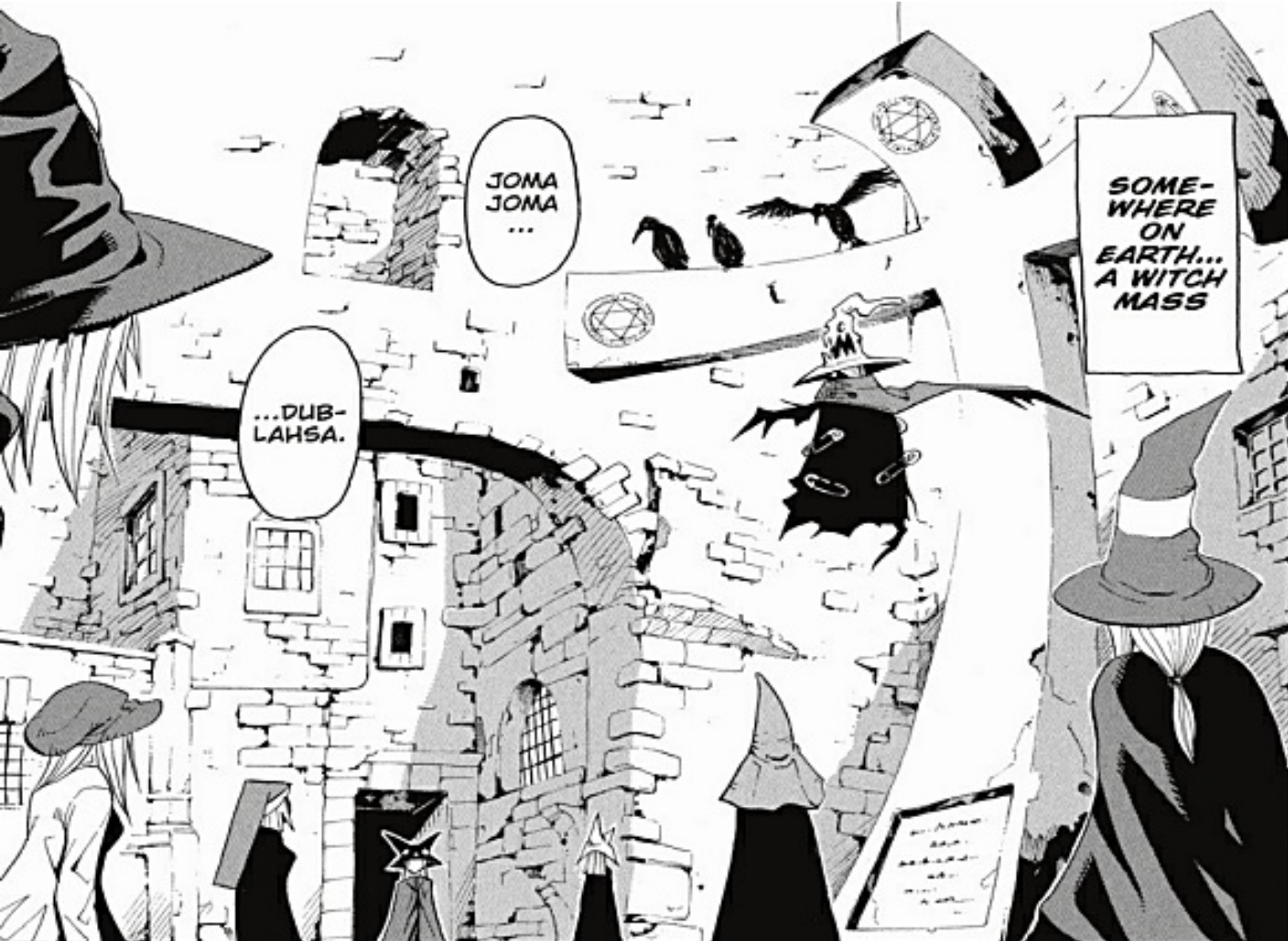




SOUL  **EATER**

CHAPTER 9: PERSEVERING SOUL







MIFUNE
...AN'S
HUNGWY
...

LOOK.
THAT
LITTLE
WITCH
OVER
THERE
BROUGHT
A HUMAN.

OH?
I'M NOT
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
BROUGHT AN
OUTSIDER
WHO ISN'T
A WITCH.

I DON'T
LIKE THIS
AT ALL...

ME
TOO.

YES
MA'AM.

CRONA,
MY COAT...

...I SAW IT...
YOU STOLE
SOMETHING OUT
OF MABA-SAMA'S
ROOM. AND
WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO DO
BY INFILTRATING
DWMA? IT'S
DISGUSTING
TO WATCH.

BUT
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT...

EVEN
THE WITCH
MASS
HAS BEEN
CHEAPENED.

~CROAK~

SHUBAN
(SLIDE)



HOLD IT!!

THAT WAS THE CONCLUSION OF THE WITCH MASS... ISN'T THAT WHAT MABA-SAMA HERSELF SAID?

I WILL CONTINUE MY RESEARCH IN DWMA.



AND I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A KISHIN—WHICH COULD EASILY TURN INTO AN ENEMY OF THE WITCHES!!

MABA-SAMA DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE THE THORN IN HER OWN SIDE!! DWMA IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT TARGETS THE SOULS OF WITCHES!! IF YOU MAKE ONE LITTLE SLIP-UP, IT COULD PUT THE REST OF US IN DANGER!!

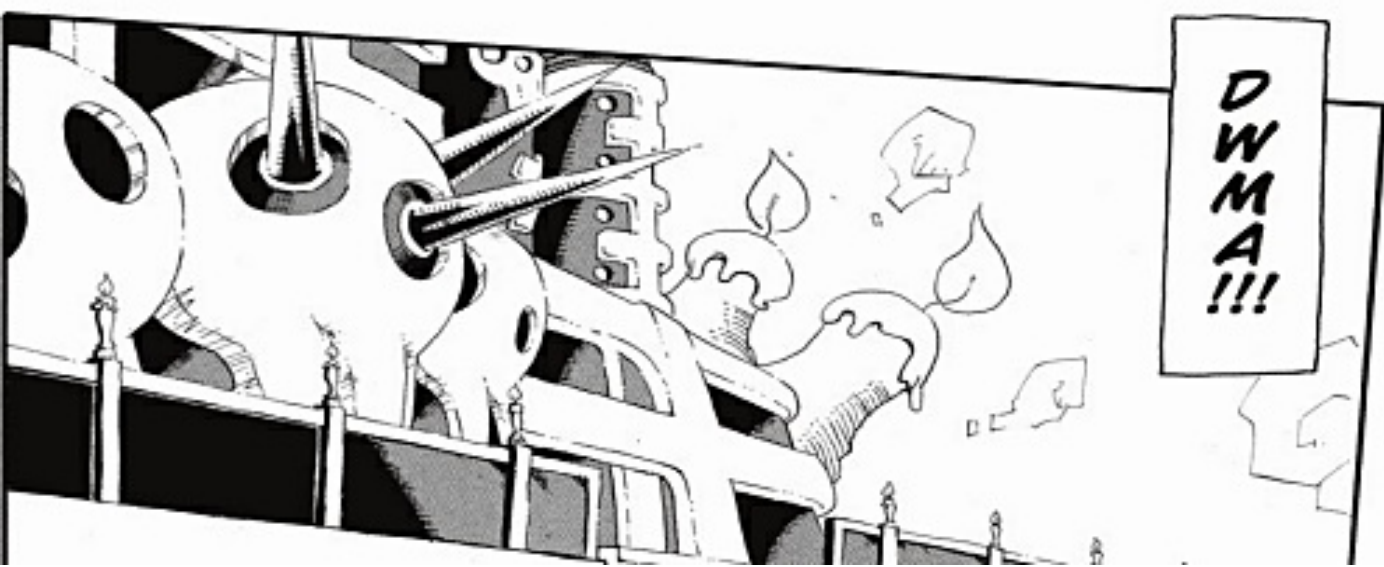


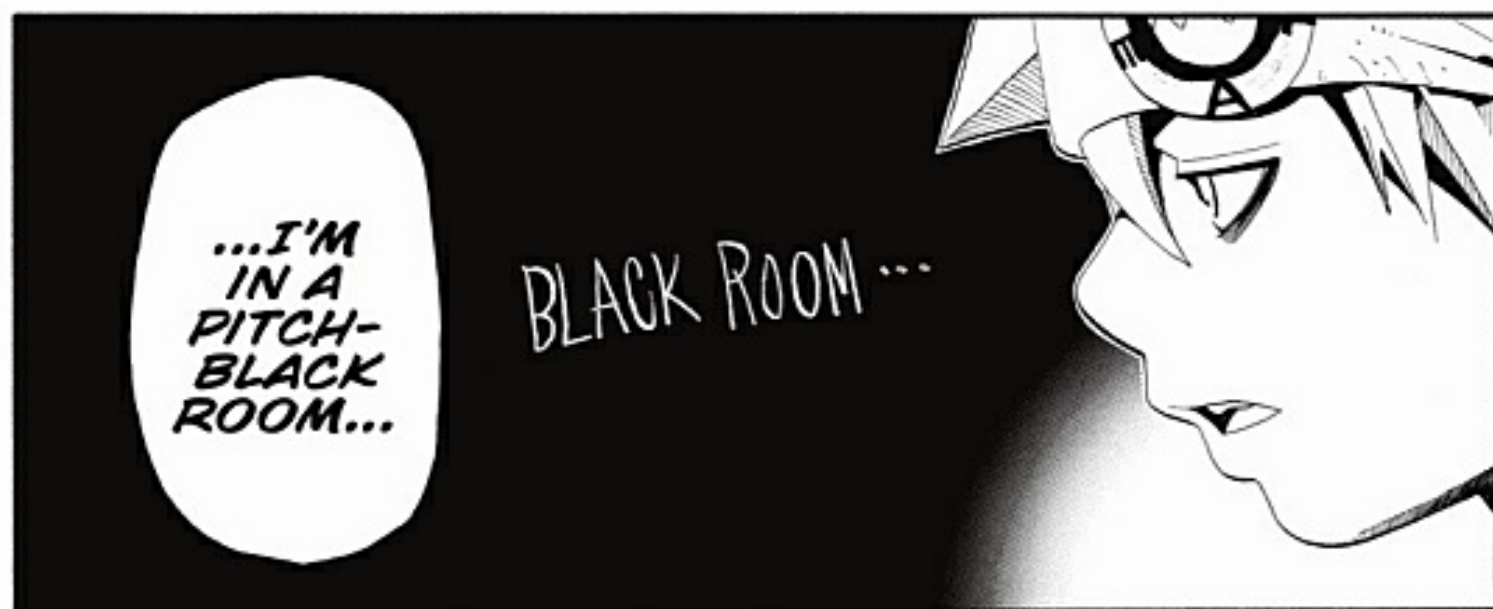
I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL...

IT'S DISGUSTING TO WATCH.









I HEAR
SOME TACKY
JAZZ MUSIC
COMING FROM
A PHONOGRAPH
THAT SKIPS A
LOT. I FEEL LIKE
I'VE HEARD IT
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE...

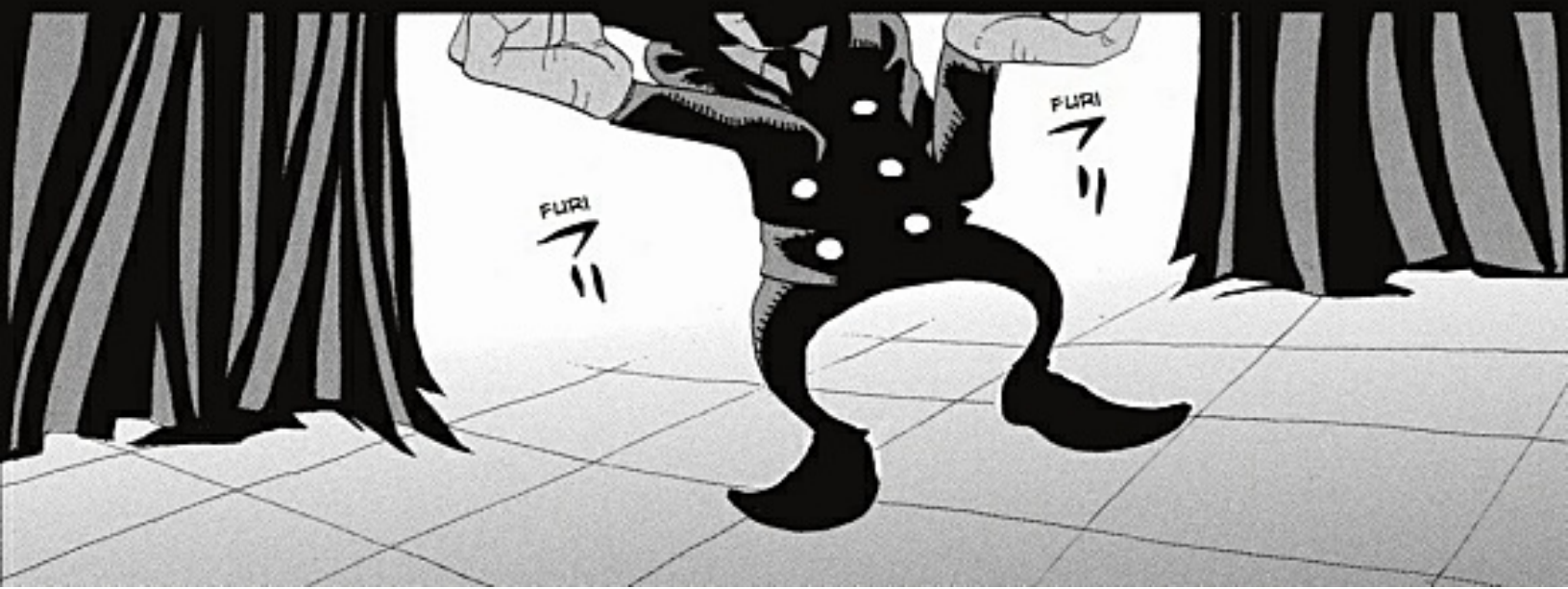


...OFF-
BEAT
DANCE...

...DOING A
STRANGE
...



AFTER
A WHILE,
SOMETHING
COMES FROM
THE BACK OF
THE ROOM...





!!

WHEN YOUR
CHEST WAS
SLICED, DIDN'T
YOU HAVE
HORRIBLE FEAR?
DON'T YOU WANT
A SPIRIT STRONG
ENOUGH TO
FORGET FEAR?

YOU'RE
ON EARTH,
AREN'T
YOU?

WHAT
ARE YOU,
AN IDIOT? DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE IN
HEAVEN OR
SOMETHING?

H
M
P
H
!!

...
THAT'S
WHAT
I WAS
TAUGHT
AT
DWMA.

IT'S
FOOLISH
TO TRY TO
FORGET
FEAR...

AN
OVERWHELMING
POWER THAT
WILL LET YOU
FORGET YOUR
FEAR!!

AND TO
KEEP YOUR
FEET ON
THAT EARTH
UNTIL THE
VERY END,
YOU NEED
POWER!!

LET
ME STAY
UNTIL THE
DREAM IS
OVER...!!

I DON'T
WANT TO
LEAVE THIS
ROOM!!

I'LL
TOLERATE
THE LAME
MUSIC...

7

CHA
(CLACK)

7

HEY...
HEY,
WAIT...

I'M NOT
GOING TO GET
ANYWHERE
TALKING TO YOU
LIKE YOU ARE
NOW!! SCRAM!!

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
WANT TO
LEAVE
THE
ROOM?

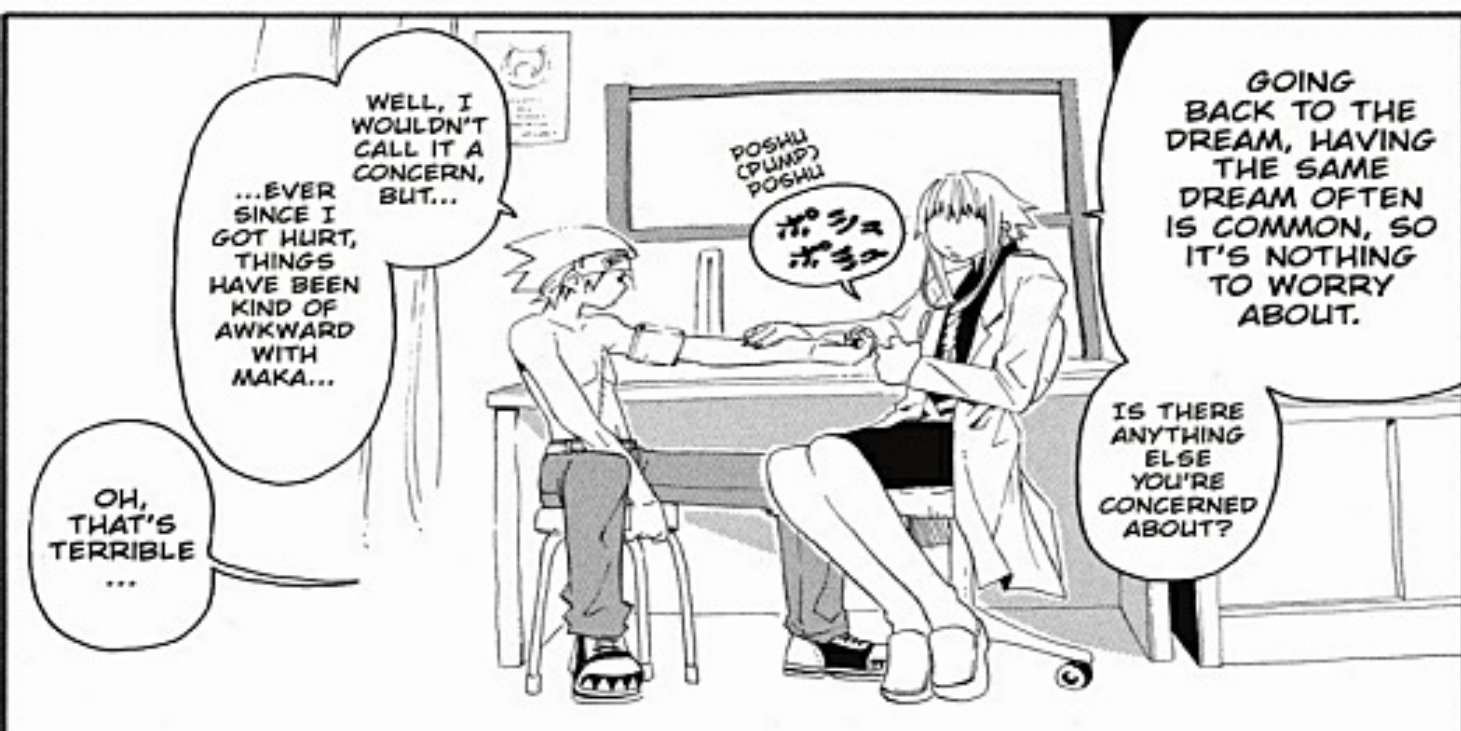
WHEN I
LEAVE THE
ROOM, THE
DARKNESS
KEEPS
GOING...

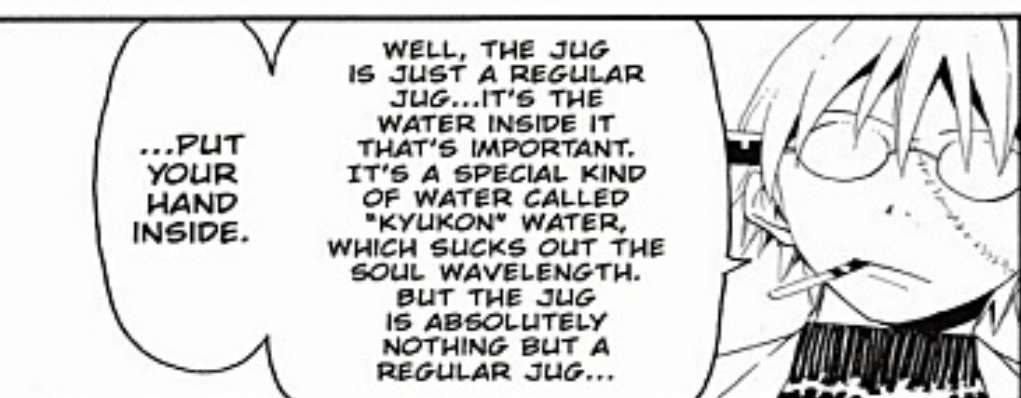
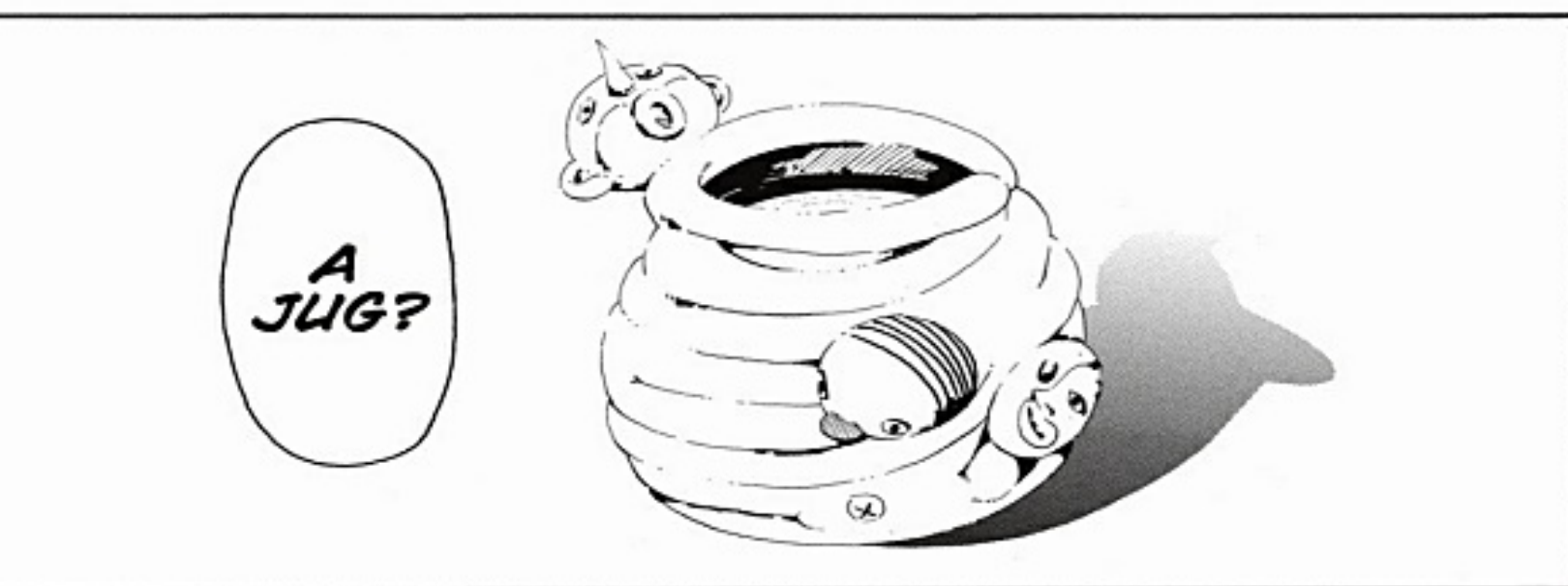
...THEN,
I SEE A
LIGHT...

THEN
SEEK
POWER!!

SEARCH
FOR RULES
THAT CAN BE
BROKEN!!

...YOU
CAN
BECOME
STRONG.










A close-up of Blair, a young boy with short, light-colored hair and a surprised expression, looking slightly to the side.


MY
OWN
WAY...

A close-up of Black☆Star, a young man with long, light-colored hair and round glasses, smiling and looking towards Blair.

BUT THAT'S
BLACK☆STAR'S
OWN WAY OF
MAKING HIS SOUL
STRONGER...YOU
HAVE YOUR OWN
WAY OF DOING
THE SAME THING.

Blair is shown from the chest up, looking upwards with a determined expression. He is wearing a dark jacket with a white collar.

WHEN
YOU FIND
IT, COME
SEE ME.

Blair is shown from the chest up, looking upwards with a surprised expression. He is wearing a dark jacket with a white collar. A small cat is perched on his head.

WE WERE GOING
TO HAVE A PARTY
TO CELEBRATE
BLACK☆STAR
AND TSUBAKI-
CHAN GETTING A
SOUL AND SOUL'S
GETTING OUT OF
THE HOSPITAL...

COOK
SOME
DELICIOUS
FISH,
OKAY? ♡

Blair and Black☆Star are standing in a room. Blair is on the left, wearing a dark jacket and a white collar. Black☆Star is on the right, wearing a long white coat and a black shirt. They are both looking at each other.

HEY,
MAKA...
WHAT
ABOUT
THE
PARTY?

GO
HOME
FOR
TODAY.
YOU CAN
TAKE
THE JUG
WITH
YOU.

DIDN'T
I TELL
YOU TO
START
WITH ONE
FINGER
...?

I-I'M
GONNA
DIE...

OH
YEAH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
BLAIR!

W
H
O
O
O
A
!!



EXCUSE ME.



KON (KNOCK)
KON



OKAY.

COME BACK AGAIN IN ONE WEEK, SOUL-KUN.



HEY.

WHAT'S UP?

OH!



WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME...



WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING A PARTY, SO DON'T TAKE TOO LONG, OKAY?





WHEN SHE
SEES THIS
WOUND,
SHE GETS
A PAINED
LOOK ON
HER FACE...



IT LOOKS
LIKE THAT
WOUND IS
WHAT'S
CAUSING
THE AWK-
WARDNESS.



MAKA
AND
SOUL'S
APART-
MENT...



KYA
HA
HA
HA!

YEAH.
THANKS
FOR THE
FOOD.

IT WAS
DELICIOUS,
MAKA-
CHAN!

YOU
JERK
...

IT DIDN'T
TASTE TOO
GOOD, BUT
I'M STILL
STUFFED!



IT'S
JUST THE
TWO OF YOU
LIVING HERE?



IF I
LEAVE
THINGS
LYING
AROUND,
MAKA
NAGS ME
ABOUT
IT.

YOU'VE
GOT A
NICE PLACE
HERE.
♪
IT'S NICE
AND CLEAN
TOO...



OH
NO!

BU
(SPURT)

HARARI
(FLUTTER)



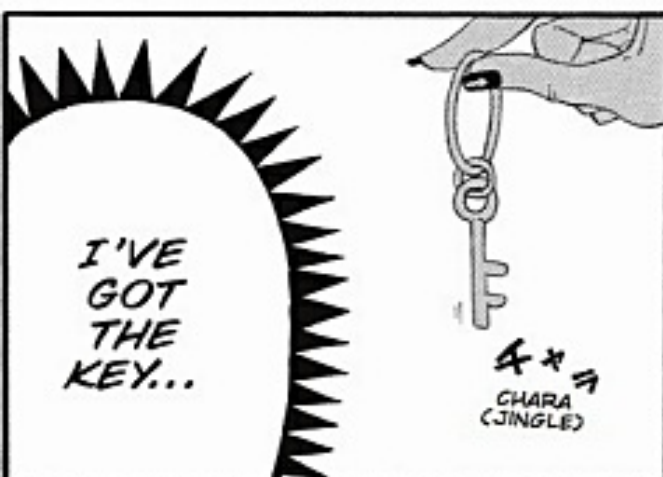
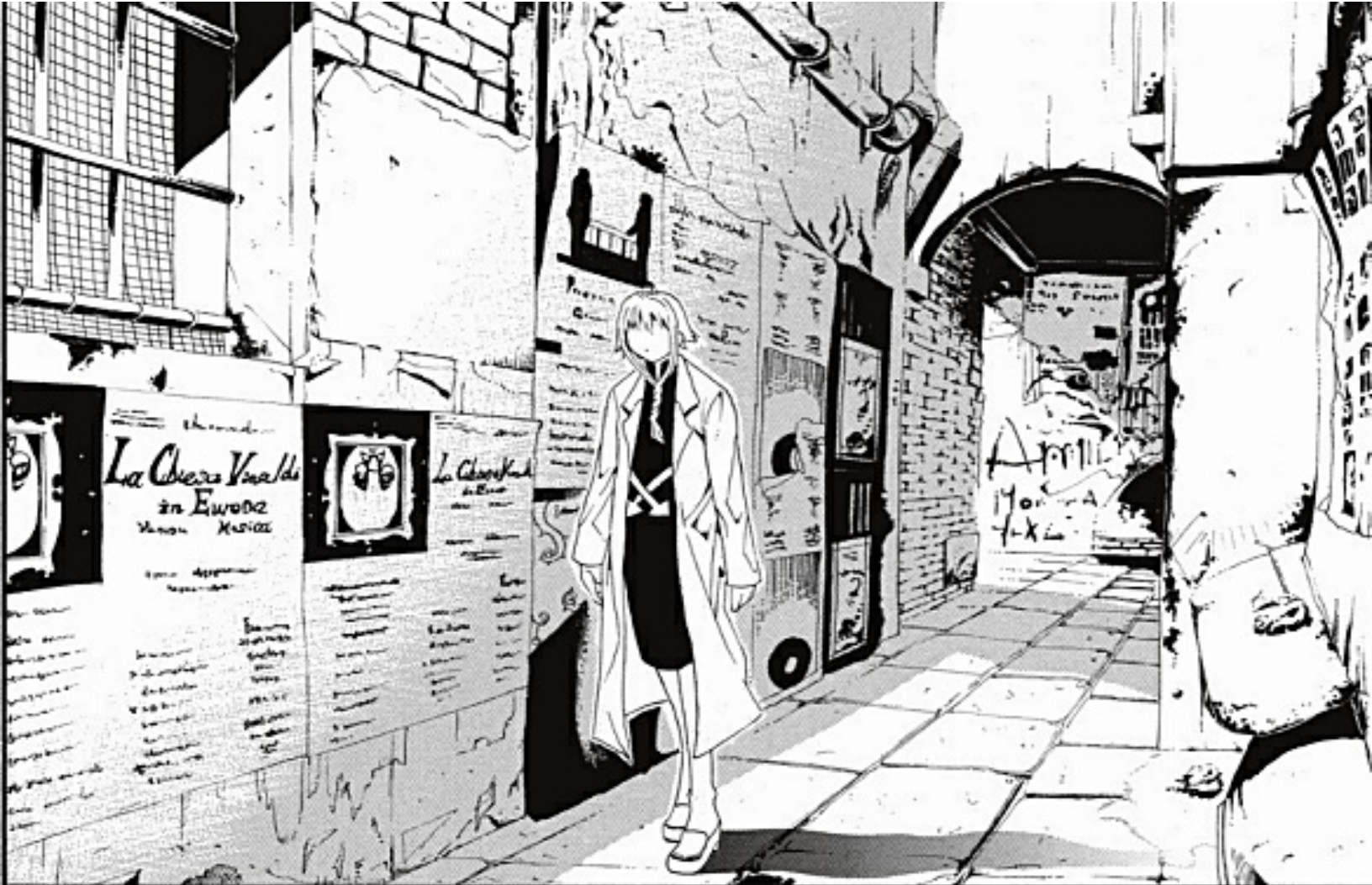
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SOMEBODY
PLEASE TAKE
THAT SEXY
CAT OUT OF
HERE.

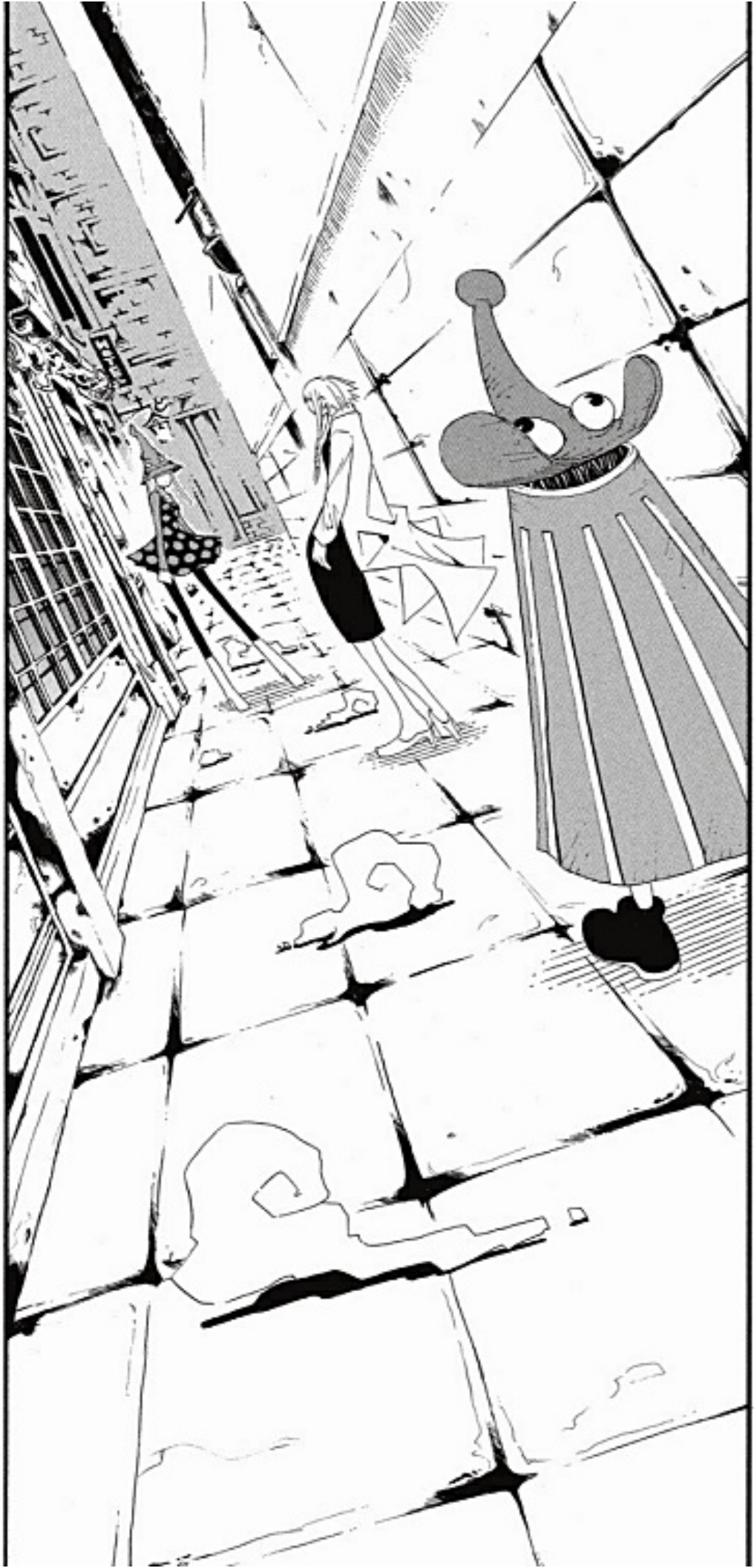
IS IT
ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS?



YOO-HOO!
♪
IS
EVERYONE
HAVING
FUN?

DOES
ANYONE
WANT TO
GET IN
THE BATH
WITH
ME?





I'M
HERE
TO
KILL
YOU.

~CROAK~

I DON'T
CARE
WHAT IT
IS YOU'RE
TRYING
TO DO AT
DWMA.

IT'S
DANGER-
OUS. FOR
YOU AND
FOR US.

ALL WE
WANT IS TO
RUN WILD
USING MAGIC
WITHOUT
SHINIGAMI
SEEING US.

HOW
MEAN.
WE'RE
FRIENDS,
AREN'T
WE?

WHY?

PLEASE DON'T
WORRY. UNLIKE
YOU, WE CAN USE
TRANSFORMATION
MAGIC...IF IT
COMES DOWN
TO IT, WE CAN
USE THAT TO
ESCAPE.

I WILL GIVE
YOU ONE PIECE OF
ADVICE. THE WAY YOU
LOOK IS DANGEROUS.
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY A
WITCH...NO MATTER
HOW MUCH YOU USE
"SOUL PROTECT,"
THERE ARE A LOT
OF YOUNG MEISTERS
LIVING AROUND
HERE.

YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THAT
MEANS,
RIGHT?

SO YOU
CAME TO
KILL ME,
HMM?



IF YOU DECIDE
TO FIGHT BACK
WITH MAGIC,
WE'LL USE OUR
TRANSFORMATION
MAGIC AND
ESCAPE.

WITH
YOUR SOUL
PROTECT ON,
YOU MIGHT AS
WELL BE JUST
A REGULAR
LADY. YOU CAN'T
USE MAGIC
ATTACKS, BUT
WE CAN.

I SEE...
AND
THAT'S
WHY YOU
THINK YOU
CAN WIN
AGAINST
ME?

I KNOW
THAT I
WOULDN'T
WIN IN A
NORMAL
FIGHT.

BUT IF YOU
WANT TO KEEP
PRETENDING TO
BE A REGULAR
NURSE LADY,
THEN THERE'S
NO WAY YOU CAN
CANCEL YOUR
SOUL PROTECT
AND USE MAGIC
HERE, NOW
IS THERE?

WHETHER
YOU CANCEL
YOUR
PROTECTION
OR NOT, WE
WIN EITHER
WAY.

THE
MEISTERS
WILL FIND
OUT YOU'RE
A WITCH
AND HUNT
YOU.

**SOUL
PROTECT,
CANCEL!!**

FIRST YOU
SAY YOU'RE
GOING TO
KILL ME, AND
NOW YOU'RE
MAKING
ME LISTEN
TO BAD
PUNS...

THAT'S
JUST
CRUEL
...

THIS IS
WHAT IT
MEANS
FOR THE
UNDERDOG
TO BEAT THE
FAVORITE!
OR SHOULD I
SAY UNDER-
FROG?

THE
FROG
AND THE
RAT WILL
DEFEAT
THE
SNAKE!!








YOU
WILL
BE
PUN-
ISHED.

DID YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
COULD
BEAT
ME LIKE
THIS?



CROAK!?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
SNAKE
TATTOO
ON YOUR
SHOULDER!?



BASA
(CRUSTLE)

YOU WON'T
MAKE GOOD
RESEARCH
SUBJECTS.



OH, I
WONDER
WHERE
IT COULD
HAVE
GONE?



COME ON...
WHAT'S THE
MATTER...?
I TRY
CANCELING
YOUR SOUL
PROTECT...

YOU'RE
GONNA TRY
TO MAKE
FROG'S LEGS
OUT OF ME,
HUH? THEN
I'M GETTING
OUT OF
HERE...





EAT HER
UP AND
DON'T
LEAVE A
TRACE.





THESE
LITTLE
GUYS ARE
AUTOMATIC.

I SUPPOSE
YOU COULD
CALL THEM
INCREDIBLY
SIMPLE MAGIC
LIFEFORMS.
HEH-HEH. I'M
SO PROUD
OF THEM.

AHH...
AH...AH...
H-HOW?
HOW...?

THOSE
SNAKES
ARE MAGIC
TOO, RIGHT?
HOW DID YOU
DO THAT
WITHOUT
CANCELING
YOUR SOUL
PROTECT!?

I'M NOT
PULLING
THEM OUT OF
A HAT LIKE
A RABBIT,
BUT ISN'T MY
LITTLE TRICK
WONDERFUL?

SHURURURU
GLITHERO
シャイルル

ぐ
GU
(PRESS)

THEY
RESPOND
TO SIMPLE
SIGNALS.

!!

!?

SWITCH

CR-
CROA
...

WITH
(EEEEEEK)

WE
CAN'T
LET
MIZUNE
BE THE
ONLY
ONE TO
HAVE
ALL THE
FUN,
RIGHT?



I KNEW
THEY'D
SHOW
UP...
THAT
WAS
FAST...

ZA
(STRIDE)



TEKEKEKE
(SCAMPER)



PON
(POOF)

-CROAK-



MEDUSA-
SENSEI
...

-PANT-

AND...
MAKA

-PANT-



STEIN
...



COULD
IT BE...
THE
WITCH
WHO
HURT
SOUL...?


IT
COULD
BE...



YES.

I
SENSED
THEM
TOO, AND
I JUST
GOT
HERE
MYSELF.

THERE
WERE TWO
WITCH
RESPONSES
AROUND
HERE JUST
NOW...



THAT WITCH TOOK
THE DEMON SWORD
AND ITS MEISTER WITH
HER...IF IT WAS THE
SAME WITCH TONIGHT,
SHE WOULDN'T HAVE
CANCELLED HER SOUL
PROTECT RIGHT IN
THE MIDDLE OF DEATH
CITY FOR NO REASON.
BECAUSE SHE DEFINITELY
HAS SOME SORT OF
INTEREST IN MEISTERS
AND WEAPONS.



I
DON'T
THINK
SO...

NO.

THAT
IS, IF
SHE'S
EVEN
HERE...

THAT
WITCH IS
PROBABLY
IN HIDING,
OBSERVING
US, DON'T
YOU THINK?

...

OH
HO
HO...

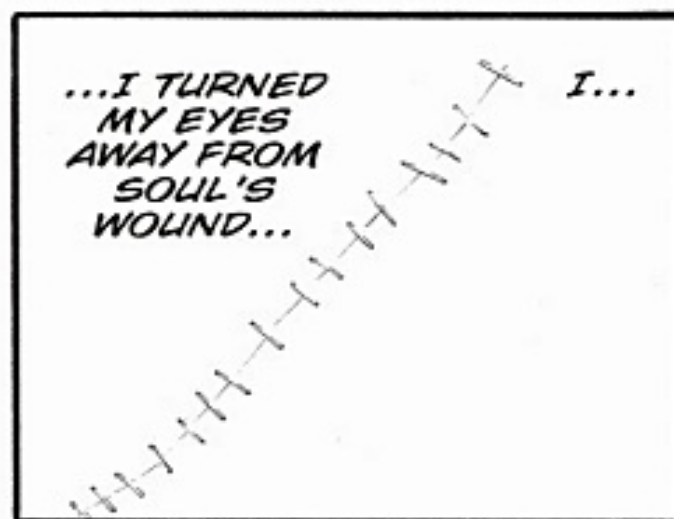
IT WOULD
BE A BIG
PROBLEM IF
THE NURSE
WAS TAKEN
OUT OF
COMMISSION.

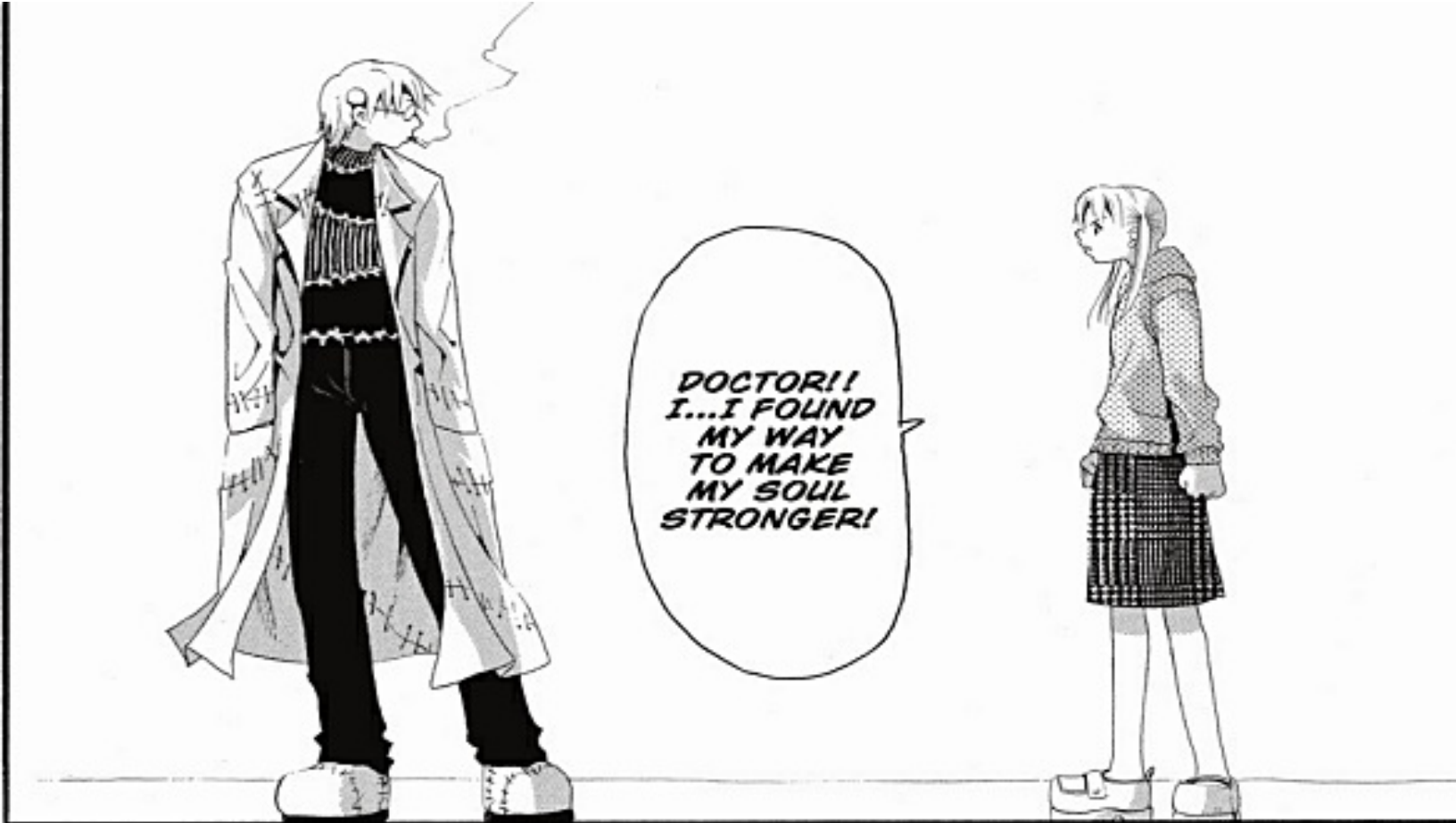
AT ANY
RATE, I'M
GLAD TO
SEE YOU
WEREN'T
HURT,
MEDUSA-
SENSEI.

I'M
STARTING
TO THINK
THAT
MAYBE IT
WAS JUST
MEANT TO
PUT SOME
PRESSURE
ON
DWMA...

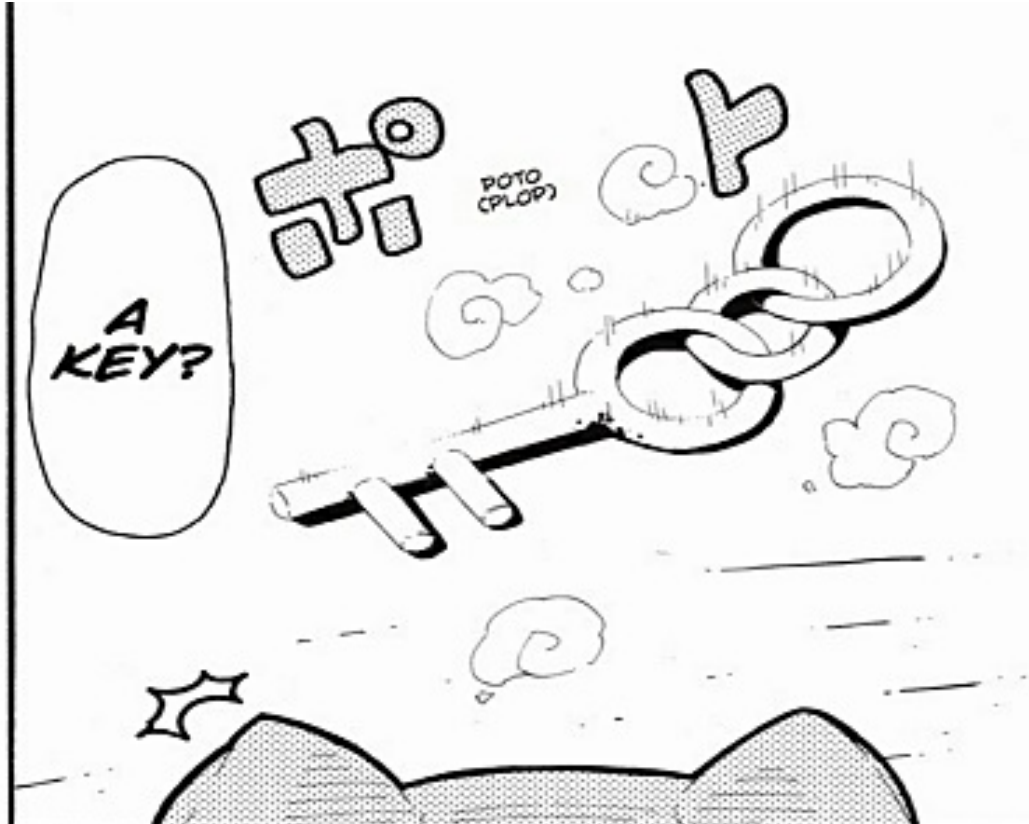
WELL
...

...IT'S LIKE
SOMETHING A
SCHOOL WITH
A LOT OF
DELINQUENTS
WOULD DO...











THEN
YOU
CAN DIE
RIGHT
HERE!

ぐぐ
(PRESS) GU

CROA...
CROAK...
ALL...
ALL
RIGHT
...



IF I
RELEASE
HIM, I'LL
BE THROWN
OUT OF
THE WITCH
WORLD...
NO...I'LL
BE KILLED...

HE'S
THE GUY
WHO
STOLE
MABA-
SAMA'S
LEFT
EYE!!



THIS
DOESN'T
FEEL
GOOD.
TURN
BACK
INTO A
FROG.

y-
...YOU WANT
TO RELEASE
THAT MAN FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?
YOU MUST BE
NUTS!! YOU'RE
CRAZY!!

ポ
PON
(POOF)

y-YES,
MA'AM...



I WANT
TO USE
THAT MAN
TO TEST
SOMETHING
...

...AS PART
OF MY
RESEARCH
ON SOUL
EATER.





WHA!!?

G
A
A
H
!



...xmmm



SHUT
THE
HELL
UP...



THE
MAN
WITH
THE
DEMON
EYE

I
CAN'T
SEE...

...I
CAN'T
SEE
ANY-
THING
...



...I
WANNA
SEE A
GOOD
COMEDY.

SOUL  **EATER**

THE ONE WHO
FIGHTS TO MAKE
HER WEAPON
STRONGER BY
COLLECTING SOULS
IS THE MEISTER...!!

A MEISTER
WANTING TO
BECOME STRONGER
TO PROTECT HER
WEAPON IS A WEIRD
WAY OF THINKING!!

SOUL

I'M
SAYING
THAT I'M
PREPARED
TO DIE
FOR MY
MEISTER!

A SERIOUS PROBLEM ARISES...



...IN MAKA AND SOUL'S...

H
O
T
!!



Y
E
A
H
!!

LET'S
GO,
SOUL!

!!?

...SOUL WAVELENGTHS...!!?

SO, SOUL
EATER...
HOW WILL
THE BLACK
BLOOD IN
YOUR BODY
RESPOND
TO A BAD
SITUATION
LIKE THIS?

BECAUSE I'M IMMORTAL!!

NO FUTURE

BACH! BACH! (CRACKLE)

WITHIN THE SOUL OF THE MAN WITH THE DEMON EYE DWELLS YET ANOTHER POWER!!
AND WHAT HAPPENS TO SOUL WHEN HIS BLACK BLOOD STIRS...!?

GYAAAAA

FAAAAAA!

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SIGN: DEATH OF THE TOWN



**WE'RE
UGLY!!**

HN?
WHAT
DO YOU
GUYS
WANT!?

LARRYYY!
LARRYYY!!

?

WE'LL NEVER
GET GIRLS
LOOKING LIKE
THIS!! WE DON'T
WANNA SPEND
THE REST OF
OUR LIVES AS
VIRGINS!!

MY. FACE.
IS TOO
FLAT.

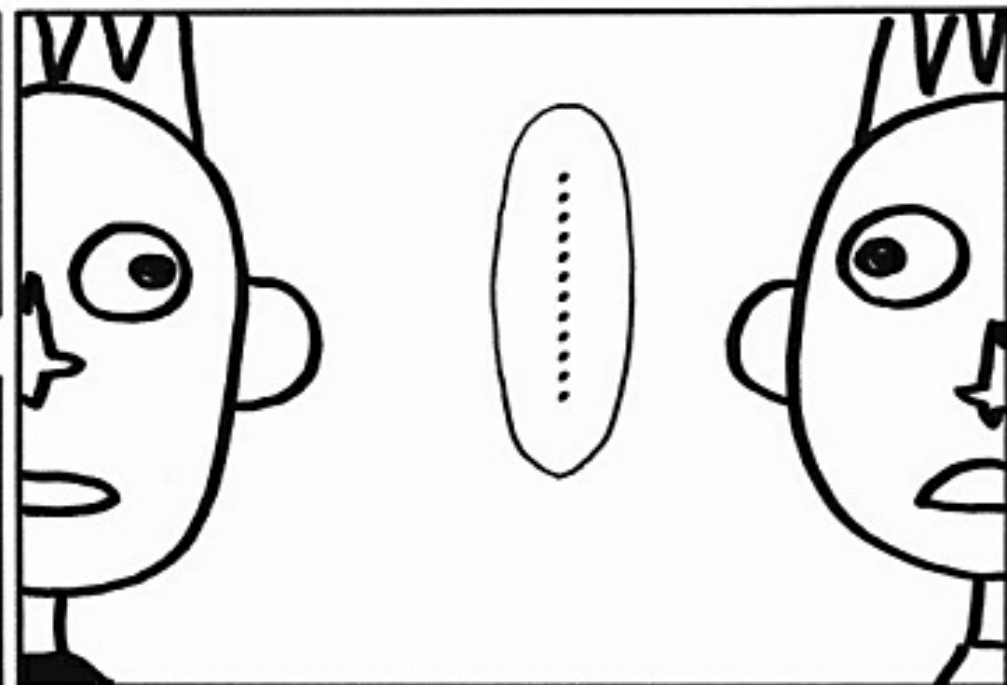
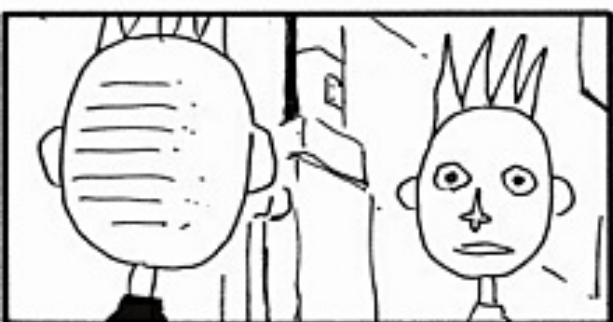
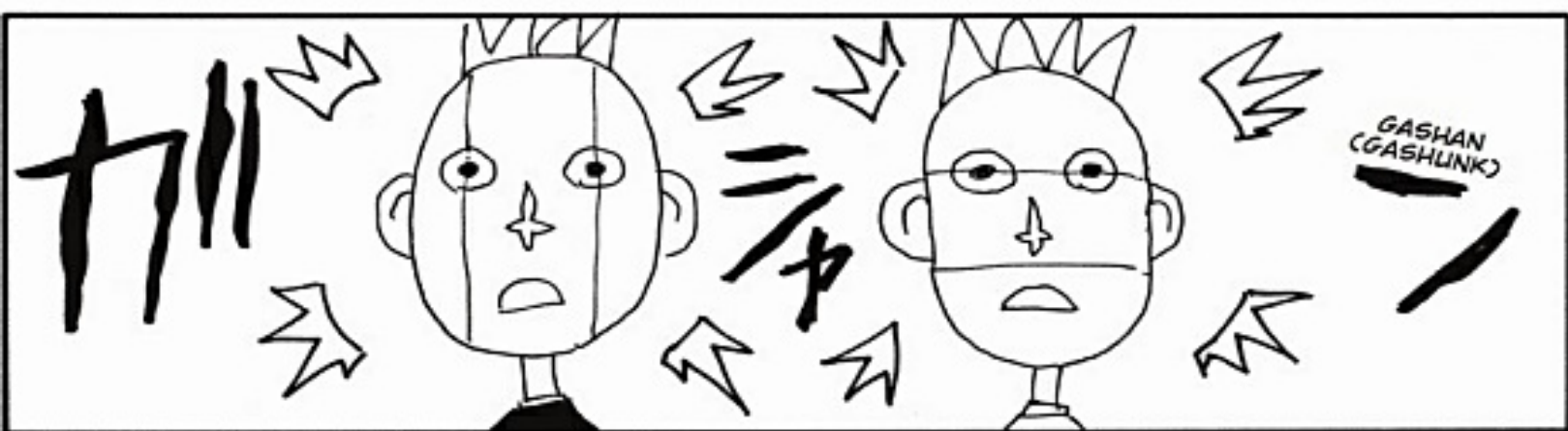
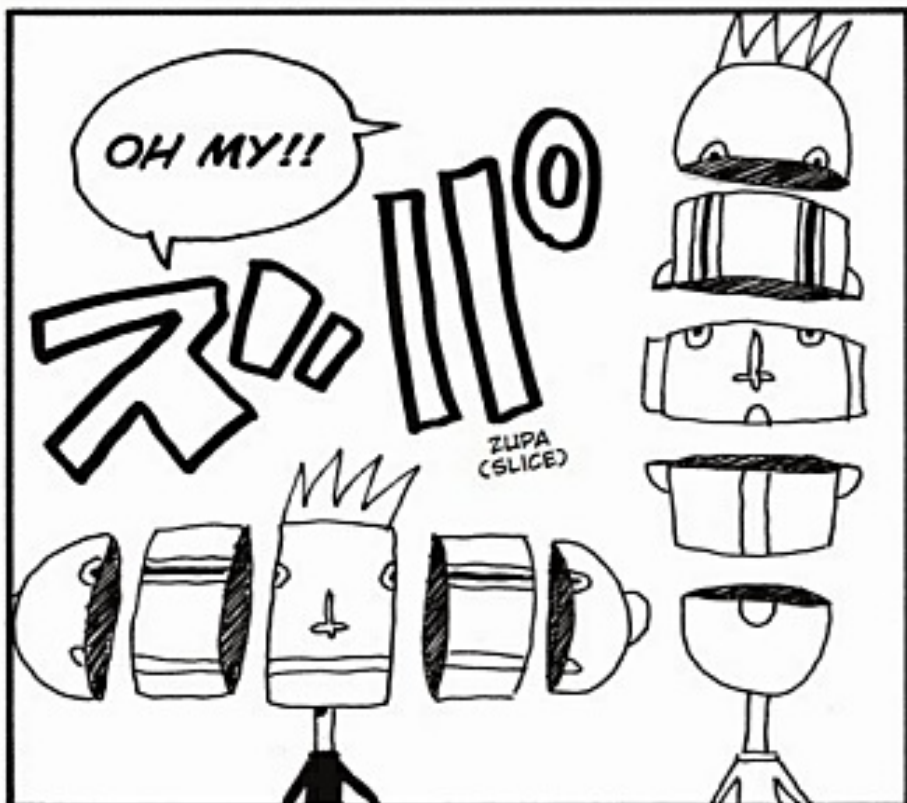
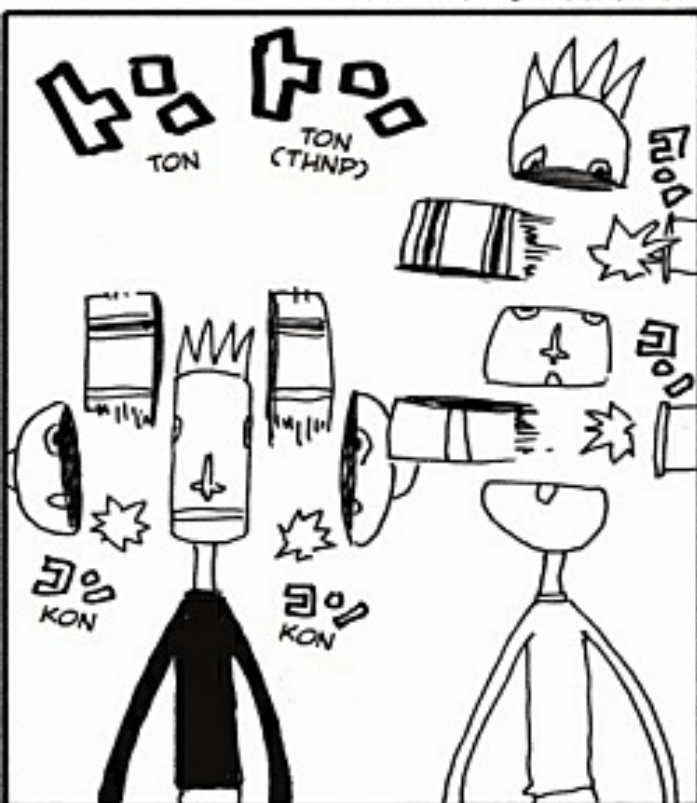
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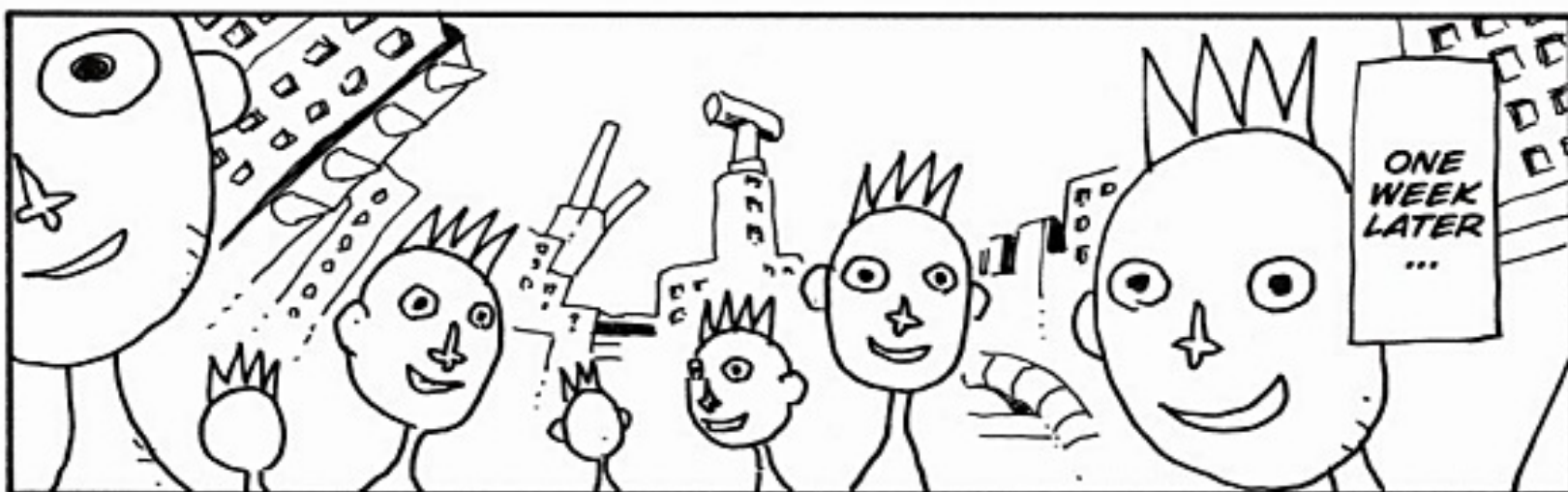
ROGER.
JUST
LEAVE
IT TO
ME!

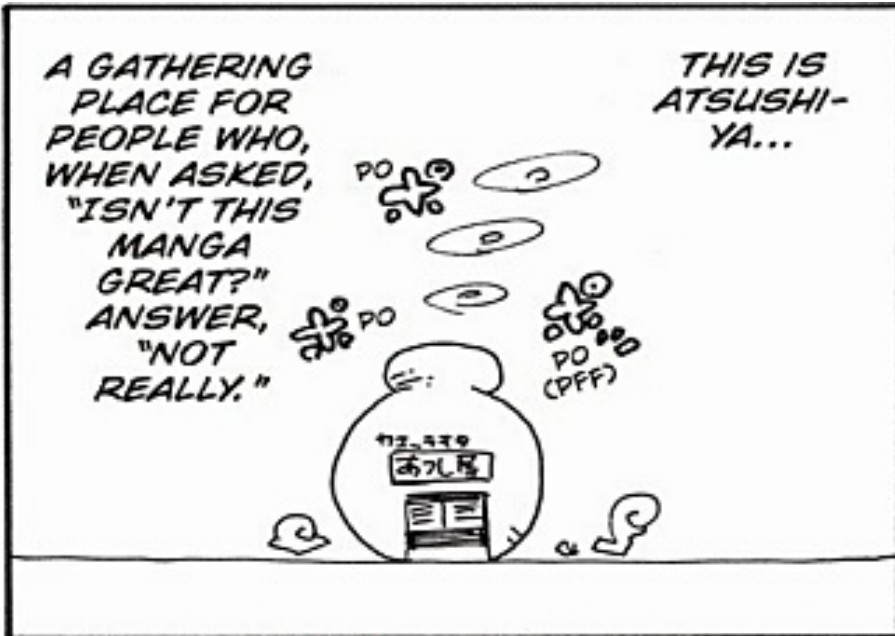
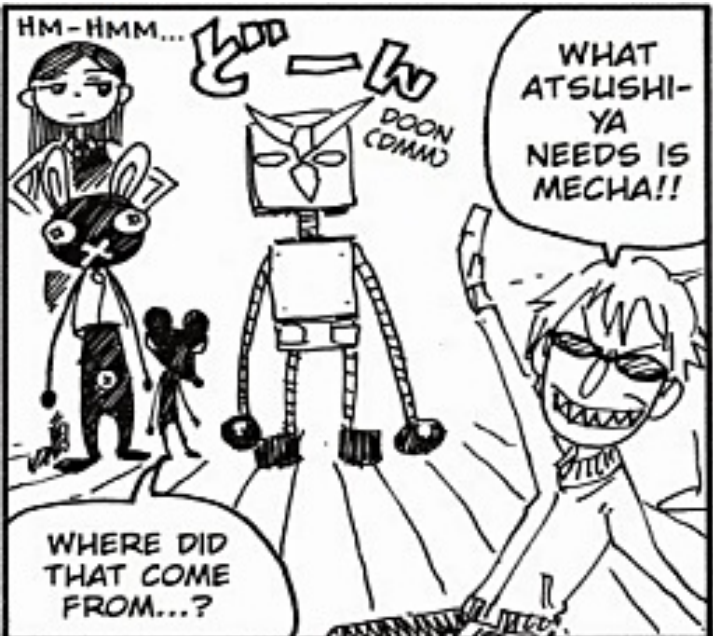
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SHA
SHA!

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KIIN!!

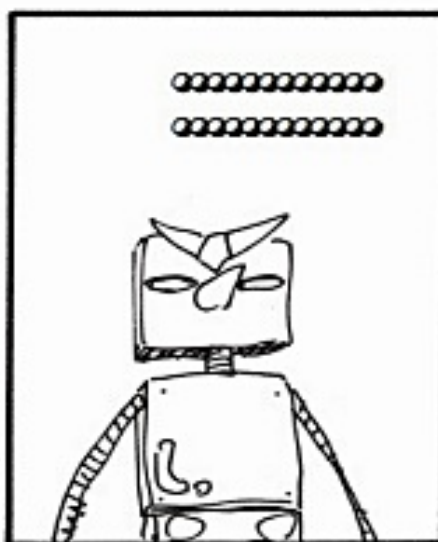
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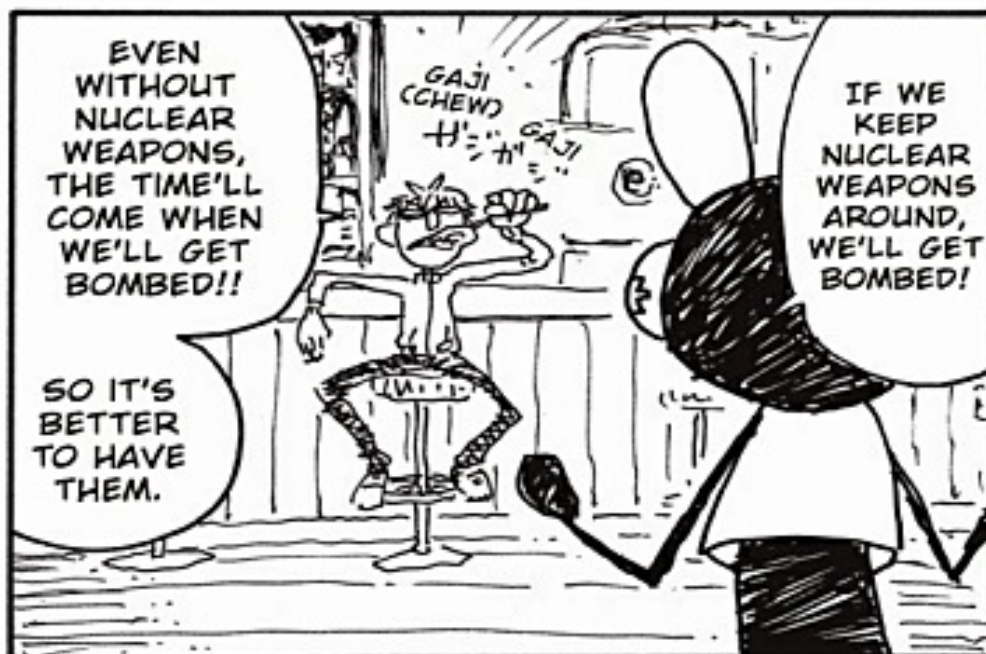
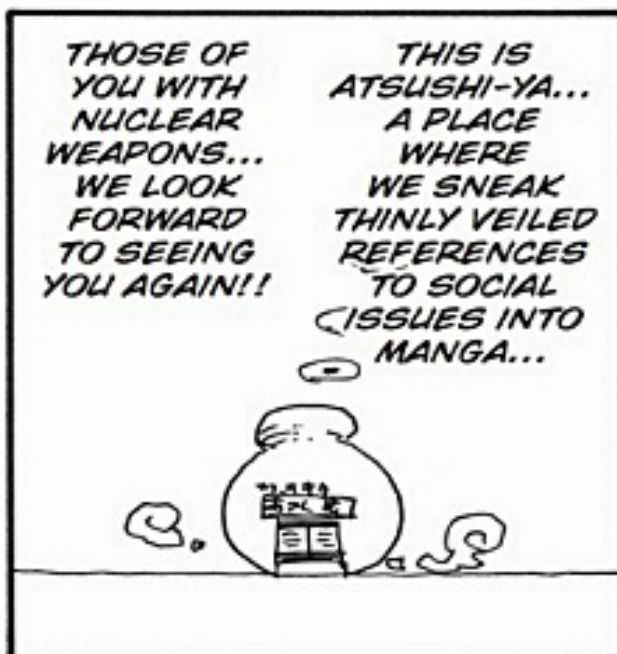
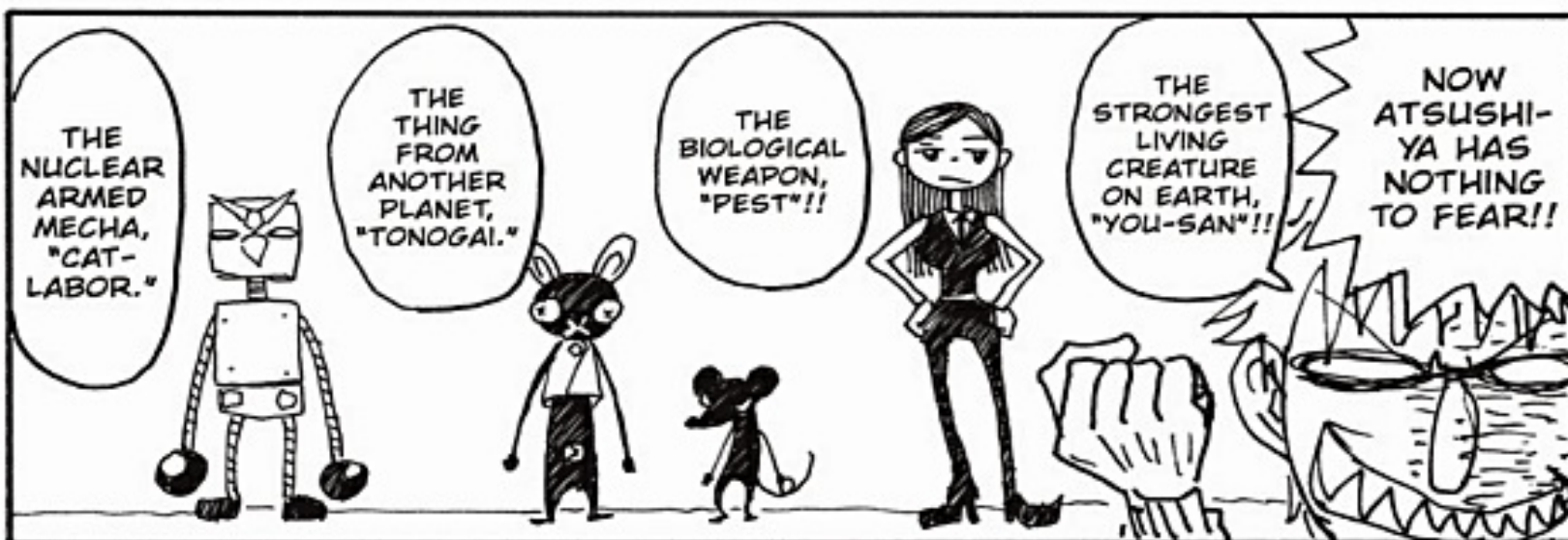
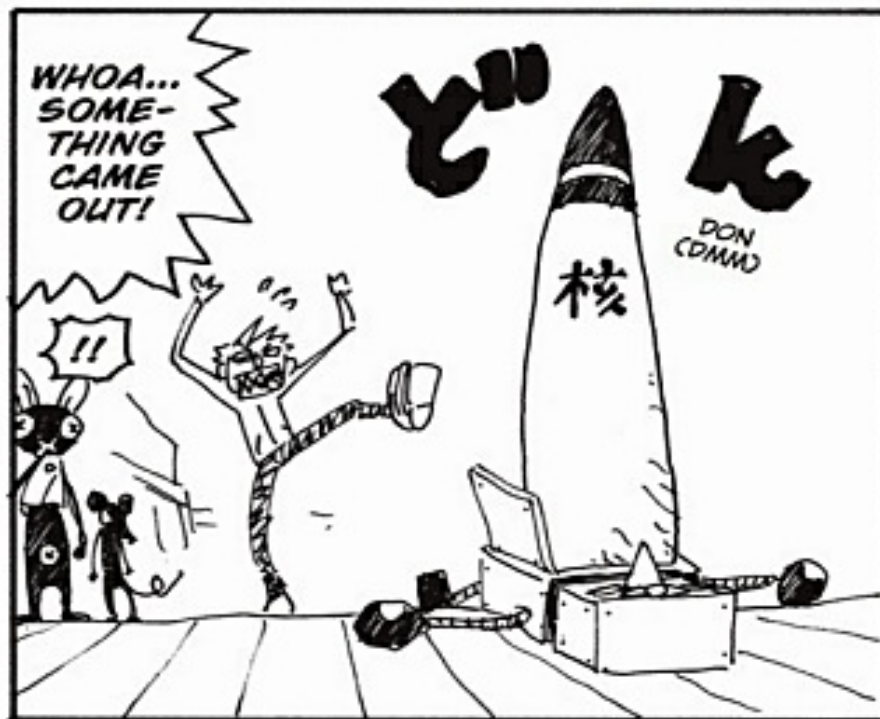






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Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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Charisma Justice is a television superhero character who appears in Atsushi Ohkubo's earlier series, *B. Ichi*, now available from Yen Press.

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"No mention of season" is noted after Masamune's haiku because it is traditional to include a "seasonal word" that indicates the season in which the poem takes place.

Page 94

The ***tsubaki*** or camellia flower is an evergreen shrub with large, beautiful flowers. After blooming all summer, the scentless *japonica* species falls off as a whole flower when the season is over.

Page 99

"Turning the tables on him"

The original Japanese proverb is "*Miira tori ga miira ni naru*," which literally means "the mummy thief becomes a mummy." A mummy thief goes looking for a mummy in a tomb, but gets lost, dies, and essentially becomes a mummy himself.

Page 136

Eruka's name is the word "*kaeru*" (Japanese for "frog") with the letters rearranged.

Mizune's name is the word "*nezumi*" (Japanese for "rat") spelled backward.

Page 182

Catlabor is a parody of *Patlabor*, the title of a manga and anime franchise featuring mecha called "Labors."

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